

Legislature. After our debate on the very first day, I had some discussion with various people who were concerned about LR 16. The Speaker had called a group together. One of the concerns that was raised was about some of the intent language, and contrary to what has been written in some corners of this state that this is trying to be rammed through, it is set in concrete, there is no change, obviously, that is not true. We've made some changes here. I still think the intent language is something that I was willing to look at and change. What I offer to you is a scaled down version of the intent language. If you are looking at the green copy, I can tell you which ones I have taken out. I have passed out for you the amendment which would basically strike all the intent language and then add back the ones. I have cut out I think more than half of the intent language to make the major changes. We kept the first paragraph of intent language; we struck out the second and the third. We kept the fourth but changed the word from "distorted state budgets" and "handcuffing the ability of state leaders", we changed that to "impacting state budgets" and "impinging upon the ability of state leaders." We struck the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth intent language. We kept the ninth one. The tenth one we changed from state government "would" send to "could" send, and then I did add something, that the comprehensive action plan, the purpose is to address the states' roll in our federal system. And Senator Witek had had some discussion about having concerns about restoring the balance, and hope to address that. We kept the next paragraph of intent language and struck out the very last one. So we did take out more than half of them. I believe this does what's necessary. I hope that it takes out, if there was any inflammatory language in that intent language, I hope that it is remedied by this, and would urge the adoption of the intent language.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. For discussion on the Kristensen amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Kristensen's amendment. It does considerably alter my reaction to the amendment, I meant to the resolution now, and as he pointed out, some of the language that we had discussed that posed problems has been removed. So my comments will go to what is left if his amendment is adopted, which I hope it is. In the third whereas, this is what we find: