

Bernard-Stevens.

CLERK: Senator, would you like me to read or do you...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, I've got the amendment in front of me. I just had to change gears real quick. This amendment I have discussed with Senator Pedersen. In fact, Senator Pedersen cosigned the amendment with me and I appreciated his staff and his personal help with the measure. What this would do is simply on line 15, page 21, and by the way this amends the AM7051. It would, before the period insert "unless the mental health region is a direct provider of services dealing with the treatment of compulsive gambling" and the compulsive gambling we want to tighten things up. Senator Hartnett had a concern that the original language was a little bit loose and so we've worked with his staff to get that tightened up. And, in essence, Region II would be the only region that actually is a direct provider of some of these so they would have been out totally on the funding so this would make sure that they would still be able to be a part of it, but they would have to...the monies that they receive would have to be used for compulsive gambling. They also go through the audit and they have to show through the audit of DPI that the monies actually went for that so there would be a check on that. And that's the nature of the amendment and I appreciate the sponsor of the bill agreeing to the amendment and I move its adoption.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just a very short note to say I do endorse the amendment and would encourage your adoption of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do the same as Senator Pedersen. I support the amendment as explained by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to close. Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're voting on the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LB 275. Record, Mr. Clerk.