

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, given the success of the last amendment, this next amendment would not fit in with the bill and I would ask to have it withdrawn.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Kristensen. AM1373, Senator.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That would be similar because of the success for the first amendment. This no longer fits in and would not be appropriate. I would ask to withdraw it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments by Senators Lindsay and Hall.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay or Hall.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an amendment which would have allowed some of the larger counties to opt into the program. Since we're going to be spending state tax dollars on it, this amendment is no longer necessary and I would withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Beutler has the next amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

CLERK: AM1360, Senator. (The Beutler amendment appears on page 1529 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, the amendment is being passed out to you and you can look at it momentarily. I'm not altogether sure that it fits perfectly at this point and I will need to have a dialogue with Senator Kristensen to be sure that it does. But let me just describe to you in one minute what the amendment does. As I understand it, under the current provisions of the bill, a particular county can opt out, but if it chooses to opt out, under the present