

Senator Bohlke is that we're already going to have to do it and to that degree she is correct because when you have federal programs and we're under federal guidelines, we have to do a study, we have to report all the things we're doing. But, in talking to Senator Wesely, and I think he agrees with this as well, this...the Crosby amendment, if you take out the delay portion, actually clarifies, I think, clear...more clearly what we, as a state, want to do. And it does make some sense that, as we put this bill into effect, that we look at the caring capacity of those outside of government, what they can do to provide for help for people that may fall off the rolls, ADC, children that may not be on the rolls, what capacity does our system have outside of government to deal with that. And then as this law goes into effect, what is the actual impact to that caring capacity outside of government? And I think we, as a state, owe it to ourselves to not just report to the federal government on the wise use of dollars and are we doing what the waivers and all the other things that they have granted us to do, but as Nebraska to really get into it. And Senator Maurstad is absolutely correct, it is a very, very exhaustive study, but on something like this I think there are times when you...when it behooves the state to do as exhaustive a study as it can. And so that's why I don't necessarily oppose it. I think it expands what the bill is trying to do. It clarifies it better and that's why I certainly would support the amendment of '96. And I will try to make a substitution, if I can get it written correctly, that would strike that three-month delay as well.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers, to speak to the Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to do somewhat after the manner of Senator Beutler's statement earlier in discussing other aspects of the bill, but I will talk about amendments that come before us too. Senator...Senator Bernard-Stevens, I wanted to be sure I have correct what it is you're doing. I'm on page 1003 of the Journal. What you're doing is striking the paragraph that begins in line 13, by the terms of the act.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, 13 through 24, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Members of the Legislature, that is the language which, in my opinion, is most crucial. It talks about the damage and devastation that is likely to result from