

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...department changed when people who thought they were too good to receive welfare had to start getting it as a result of the farm crisis. They wanted to change the name and Senator Higgins even made it clear there are people who are embarrassed at the term "welfare" because it has been made so demeaning and the people who have to now turn to it are demeaned, but the ones who were turning to it at that point were the very ones who had made it a demeaning thing to have to receive such a system...such assistance. So we're dealing with euphemisms. But I hope, as we discuss this amendment, we do go beyond the mere words of it and look at what it's intending to achieve. At this point, I'm in opposition to Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to Senator Crosby's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, I understand Senator Bernard-Stevens would like to withdraw the amendment we're on.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. (FA148 appears on page 1623 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, or Madam President and members of the body, this is the same amendment but what I've added is two other sections that I believe Senator Wesely and Senator Bohlke would more support, and that would be...and Senator Crosby will not support, but that will be the striking of the delay. And Senator Bohlke brought to my attention, and I'm eternally, humbly grateful, that even though it doesn't say 455E at the end of it, there is the emergency clause, so it would take effect immediately. This amendment would do the same as the last, change it to '96 for the study. It would strike lines 13 through 24, on page 1, that Senator Chambers talked about, but it also would strike the January 1, 1996, so that delay would be gone, and also it strikes on page 3, I believe, or 4, the reference to "prior to". The study would be done prior to. That portion is stricken as well. So the act would take place immediately upon signing by the Governor but the study would go on and it would take...it would report back in 1996. I hope we don't spend a lot of time on this particular amendment. It's certainly not my intention to.