

And we had a state law, we delayed it hoping the federal law would take care of it and we delayed it again, and there was an implementation problem. Now it will take effect this year and we'll have a double standard, it will take over for the federal law and there's still problems with the implementation, and the thought is we need to give it two more years and that's what the delay does. But if we don't get this through this year we're in a real mess of a problem with the clinical labs across the state. So it's very important that we adopt and pass this amendment. I'd ask your support for it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely, I just have to ask a couple of questions. Now the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...I want to call it the CLEO award bill, but it's not the CLEO, it's CLIA, I understand that. That bill number was which number again? LB 485 I think is what it was.

SENATOR WESELY: (LB) 485, um-huh.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Now have you attempted to go to the Speaker of the Legislature, or maybe I should be asking Senator Dierks, since it's...Senator Dierks, it's your bill, isn't it, 485?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, did you...have you gone to the Speaker of the Legislature anytime this session and asked that it be put on consent calendar?

SENATOR DIERKS: I have not.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Do you think, if it's noncontroversial, is there a reason why you haven't gone, tried to go to consent calendar? And my only...my only...it's not really a problem necessarily with the bill or the amendment again, I guess I'm concerned about process, about where we're going and what we're going to entail doing. I guess if somebody