

not come as a surprise to them. What this amendment that I'm offering would do is strike subsection (3) of Section 2 of Senator McKenzie's amendment. On page 1393 of the Journal you will see subsection (3). It starts at the first line 20 on page 1393 of the Journal and it relates to language that we often refer to as intent language. It specifies certain things that the Legislature is saying demand further examination and public discussion prior to implementation. But after making that statement with which I agree, there is nothing which says none of this bill will be implemented unless these things are done or to say it another way, the bill does not say if these things are not done the rest of the bill will not be implemented. It's an expression of a wish. It's offered in the way of good advice, but it is not binding statutory language. Since it does not bind these people to do anything, my amendment would strike it from the bill. I have less confidence in these groups and organizations than my colleagues do. My colleagues are those hopeless dreamers who think that if the Legislature expresses a desire in statute without making it a mandate, without there being any price to pay if it is ignored, my colleagues nevertheless believe that all of these individuals are people of such goodwill that they voluntarily will carry out these suggestions. I think the suggestions contain ideas that are very worthwhile. What has been done with this language is to show that the drafters of this bill are well aware of the serious problems that exist when you make a radical change of this kind. The drafters of this language have acknowledged that those problems not only exist but they have not been resolved. Instead of the Legislature resolving these issues, the Legislature is passing the buck. The buck does not stop here. The matter is sent for collaboration to the Special Education Accountability Commission, the School Finance Review Committee, the State Department of Education and the Education Committee of the Legislature. We have broth that we are preparing. When you have too many cooks, what happens to the broth? The broth is spoiled when you have too many cooks.

SENATOR WESELY PRESIDING

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've talked nine minutes, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: No, you're right. You...