

to deal with this, but that's my purpose, is that we shouldn't be working on a task force and with the idea of getting a job out of the...out of the task force and so I think it would be unfair for the people that served on this task force to say...to change the rules after the task force has completed their work and I will look at this issue in the interim and maybe bring a bill back next year. So I'd ask the amendment be withdrawn.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Witek. Senator Witek is excused.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is there anyone authorized to carry the bill...the amendment offered by Senator Witek? Chair seeing none, it will be passed over. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Will would move to amend, but, Senator, I understand you want to withdraw.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Beutler. (Senator Beutler's AM2155 is found on page 2125 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, members of the Legislature, Mr. Clerk, this is AM2155?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Members of the Legislature, the amendment is being passed out to you right now. Basically, I would certainly commend Senator Kristensen and those who have worked on the bill and improving the bill considerably in a number of respects anyway. One of the major problems that I have had is that there has been...is that the practicalities of this bill are that the assistance is going to go to a whole number, essentially, of small counties. There's nothing in the bill that directs how the assistance is allocated or where it goes. The practical effect of this bill is that the assistance is going to go to small counties and these are counties that