

need to take action on that issue. So, aside from that one issue, the rest of the elements of this amendment are attempts to try and address General File concerns that were expressed by a number of senators. We...I will have Senator Bohlke go through the amendment, I won't do it. All I want to do is suggest that Senator Bohlke is not acting singularly here. She's trying to act on behalf of a number of legislators who expressed concerns on General File and rather than take seven or eight or nine different amendments, one by one, the idea is to take them and put them together and hopefully move quickly on them. Obviously, we have a problem moving quickly on anything on this bill but that's what the intent is. And, Senator Bohlke, I will give you the rest of my time, if you would like. But I just want to indicate that my assessment of this amendment is that that is an attempt to bring the different parties together and reach a consensus and get that done right off the bat and then we can go into the contentious fights later, but the rest of the time is to Senator Bohlke.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Senator Bohlke, Senator Wesely yielded the rest of the time to you.

**SENATOR BOHLKE:** Thank you, Senator Wesely. And that's really true, and I know that Senator Chambers is aware of that also that the reason we wanted to substitute at this point is because these were issues that were raised on General File that people wanted to have discussed and debated. If we did not, we had the problem with actually getting to the waivers on General File because amendments were filed and we could never really get to the real essence of the bill, the waivers, and that was a frustration in order to get to a number of points that were a reaction, partly, to Senator Chambers because in this is including a rural county which would...he said was very important to him. Certainly, as the compromise agreement between Senator Pirsch and Senator Crosby about the ADC payments the last three months, that's in here. And so we're talking about things that people said we really want to get done in the bill. We listened to them and brought it back and in order to discuss and debate those issues, they appear in this amendment, also, the roundtable, a number of those things that were brought up on General File. So it's not an attempt to ramrod anything through. It's an attempt to get a debate and a discussion so people really understand the ramifications of the bill and what we're doing. For that reason, I think it's important that we are allowed to substitute at this point. Thank you.