

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

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend the Witek amendment. (FA395 appears on page 540 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to open on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, and members of the Legislature, and Senator Witek, and you may disagree with this amendment. I have passed it around and what it would do is insert some words after the word "department". It would insert "county attorney or authorized attorney" or whatever that term is, because these are the ones who can set all of this in motion. I would like to ask Senator Beutler, as the one carrying the bill, a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, the county attorney will be involved in this process, isn't that true before it reaches the point where the department is going to do something? One way or the other.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If my understanding of the process is correct, Senator, that may or may not be true. It would ordinarily be true in most counties if an authorized attorney is used; in Lancaster or Douglas, I don't think that is necessarily so. I can double check that for you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so the amendment as it is drafted, you probably would oppose it saying county attorney or authorized attorney would hit the only two individuals operating that capacity who would be involved in this process, is that correct? Or, would there be some other entity or individual in addition to the county attorney or an authorized attorney?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I was just looking and trying to fit this language in. Would you repeat that one more time,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.