

was trying to amend the amendment which she had...

SPEAKER WITHEM: I don't know if that is an appropriate point of order or not at this time, Senator Avery. We are in the middle of a vote. I think maybe Senator Schimek and Senator Avery could come to the desk and check on that while we are proceeding with our vote. The question before the body is, shall debate now cease? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 yeas, 14 nays to cease debate, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is not ceased. Senator Hillman on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I'll not take much time other than to say I support the Schimek amendment. I serve on Program Evaluation and I think one of the concerns on the Program Evaluation Committee is that, and we have talked about this and have taken the evaluation component out of it, it just didn't follow the process whereby in statute the Program Evaluation Committee has to look at which evaluations it can do and do them in a timely manner and they would probably object. I know they would object to any legislation that required a program evaluation in the legislation. So now looking at what type of a review and evaluation we might need of a pilot program, I think Senator Schimek's amendment does that. I think it is needed so that we will have some good information to make our decisions in the future and with that, Senator Schimek, do you need any more time to explain your amendment? I would yield to you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Senator Hillman. One of the reasons that I turned my light on is because I thought we had an amendment up there to substitute for this amendment and I didn't want a vote to be taken on this amendment before we actually, I guess we could have voted it down, but, the amendment that is on your desk is being rewritten to include the language that this review would be done by a consultant as recommended by the Health and Human Services Committee to the Executive Board. I'm sure we will be substituting that shortly. The problem with doing this on the floor at the last minute, of course, is that you don't always consider every angle that you should have.