

Since submitting this, this substituted amendment it occurred to me that the dates on this may not be the best dates that we could select either because it says, between August 1, 1997, and January 1, 1998. Well, January 1, 1998, is when this thing goes statewide. So, I guess I would be interested in hearing any comments by other people. I think we should probably also move the dates back on this process so that at least we have a report say by November or December of '97 because otherwise there is no opportunity to impact any statewide plan if that would need to be done. But with that, I would be happy to try to answer any questions and I'd be willing to come to a vote on this shortly because I think that most people are in accordance with this particular concept. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek, I'm going to have to ask you a question. There is some confusion up here. The Clerk has informed me that you had wished to withdraw a motion and your comments were otherwise. What...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I do wish to withdraw the one amendment and substitute the amendment that I was just discussing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Senator Schimek has asked to withdraw this amendment and offer a substitute amendment. That requires unanimous consent. Is there any opposition? Hearing none, it is so ordered. Senator Schimek, you are recognized to open on your new amendment. (FA404 on page 585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I'll be brief because I just really did explain what I was going to try to do in the substitute amendment. The only thing I am trying to do here is to add in the idea of a consultant recommended by the Health and Human Services Committee to the Executive Board to do that review. This is not an uncommon approach. Counsel suggests that these things can be done for about \$10,000 perhaps or even lower. We don't know for sure at this point, but I don't think we are talking about huge amounts of money. With that I would be happy to relinquish the rest of my time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We pause one second and introduce underneath the balcony the doctor of the day from Senator Brown's district in Omaha, from Methodist Hospital we