

there be some type of evaluation and a report given to the Legislature prior to it automatically going statewide. Senator Schimek tried a couple things on consultants yesterday, which I oppose simply because the Legislature had a right to do it anyway. I posed a question to the Legislature, I said if you truly want to have a time period where you can evaluate the success of the two pilot projects, all you need to do is to strike, on page 3, lines 18 through 27 continuing on to page 4, lines 1 and 2 which basically struck the statewide implementation aspect of it. If you strike that portion of it, then it's, the onus reverts back to those that are pushing the bill to say, yes, here are the pilot projects, here's what's...here are the good things about it, we've analyzed it, here are some bad things about it, and let's, the onus would be on them to convince the Legislature that based on the reports we should go statewide. Senator Avery, I believe, is, and, Mr. Clerk, am I correct, has he offered that amendment at this point?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, I didn't want to substitute yet. Senator Avery is going to have an amendment that I will move to substitute for mine that basically will say the following, I think it will accomplish...I think it will almost accomplish a compromise in both groups, though, Senator Wesely, I don't think you're going to totally like it still. What it does, it says, look, there will be, by the Executive Board, an evaluation and Executive Board will choose how that evaluation will take place. It also moves back the starting date. And by the way, the evaluation, then, would be reported to the Legislature in January of '98. But the starting date of the statewide implementation would then be moved to July of '98. So there would be that session of the Legislature to make a change. The real fight that we have and the differences of opinion from Senator Landis's viewpoint, I believe, would say, look, we don't want to have a pilot project and then be forced to come back and get 25 votes again. We've got the 25 votes now, let's make it statewide and let's proceed. Senator Wesely or others may say, no, we'd like for the see how it's going to go, then make them come back and prove that it works, they need to get 25 votes again. I think this would be a middle ground. If we move it to July of '98, the implementation date, that gives us the session of January '98 to look at the report where anyone then could