

introduce the legislation to make the proper changes that the evaluation would have shown to be, were it be inadequate or where the changes need to be made, or maybe it was a bad idea and we shouldn't do it. Or maybe it was no problems and there's nothing introduced and by July, then, of '98, that will be the law of the state statewide. That is the nature of the amendment. At this particular point, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask to substitute the Avery amendment that was just introduced for mine, by unanimous consent.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens is asking unanimous consent for a substitution. Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And at this point, Senator Landis, I will actually yield time to you to speak on the amendment or Senator Avery, whichever one would be.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I believe, Senator Bernard-Stevens, at this point we are considering an Avery...the effect of your substitution is then the Avery amendment is before us. So he would be recognized to open on his amendment. (See AM2917 as found on page 616 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR AVERY: (Microphone not activated) Thank you, Mister.... Hello. Thank you. Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Copies will be coming just as soon as they were, I suppose, probably coming now. But what this amendment does, does put back in a review process and it also puts in a provision that there is a full legislative session that is available after the review is done so there would be time, the plug could be pulled if the review shows that things aren't happening the way this body would like them to happen. So that is the basis of it. What the amendment basically reads is that the state review board will have the pilot projects in North Platte and Omaha. And these areas will be studied by the Exec Board of the Legislature or its designee. So that would potentially...either the Exec Board could do it, they could designate someone. The concerns that I guess I had before in choosing an entity or an independent entity to do this review was a cost factor. The body appeared to say let's keep it, maybe, in-house. We have all the possibilities here in terms of allowing the Legislature, the Legislative Exec Board to do that process and ask them, and in their wisdom provide that review either by them or