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CLERK: Is that what you want to do? Okay, thank you Now, Senator, I understand you want to withdraw and substitute. Withdraw FA426 and offer an amendment by Senator McKenzie, that's FA431.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: (Microphone not activated immediately.)...substitute the McKenzie amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. (McKenzie amendment, FA431, may be found on page 711 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator McKenzie is not here, but we have talked about the amendment. We are in agreement, Senator McKenzie, Senator Bohlke and myself. So I will run the amendment, unless she comes up shortly. Mr. Clerk, could you read that portion that would be changed.

CLERK: Senator, the amendment reads, "On page 3, line 7, strike the language "and otherwise qualified" and insert "and meets all other certification requirements".

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, and that was a portion of the bill that I had some concerns with because of the vagueness of it. Senator Chambers brought up a couple of ideas, Senator McKenzie came up with a good solution to that problem, and that would simply clarify that language so it would be that they meet the proper qualifications of being an instructor. So instead of saying, "otherwise qualified", which could mean anything, it simply clarifies what the real intent of it was and say that they are qualified educationally in order to teach that particular area. That's the nature of the amendment. I support the amendment. I believe Senator Bohlke's light is on and she...I don't want to put words in her mouth, but I believe she will be supporting as well, but we'll just hold tight and wait and see. I would urge adoption of the amendment by Senator McKenzie.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator McKenzie. I mean, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, members, Senator