

stand and be recognized. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. This will be my second time. Senator Chambers, there's some things I do want to say. I punched on again to give you my other time if that will be helpful. If I have time remaining, which I doubt, on this time I will give it to you as well. I know I won't either. The...Senator Chambers has hit on a couple of things, I will be honest with you, I have been stewing about ever since 1044 was announced, and that is the fact of if I wonder how many people, of course, there is no one in the Chamber, because everybody knows exactly what 1044 does and they'd be able to explain to everybody in their constituencies what happens with 1044, so they don't need to be here, but for anyone who may not really understand 1044, or who may not be able to if I asked them a series of questions answer those questions. And Senator Klein, I am not going to ask you those questions because I know this is your first year, and I suspect you may not know the answers to those. And you may, but I won't give you the opportunity to show us that, I guess, at this point. There are...you go back to your constituencies and you ask them a question, do you think we should reorganize government to be more efficient so we can better serve the people? And you are going to get a response; absolutely. Now phrase the question a different way. Phrase the question where you say, do you think we should combine two major entities that we have a difficult time even understanding how they operate, DPI, Social Services, add to that Health, Aging, and OJS, and make it a superagency? What do you think about that? And I am going to bet you the public will give you about the same percentage of response; I don't think that's a good idea, they'll say. I am not sure we want to make something that big, they'll say. Maybe we should take some time and think about this, they'll say. Just look at the newspaper editorials throughout the state. How many newspaper editorials have come out and said we should do this, we need to do it now? I haven't seen very many. I have seen editorials throughout the state that say, it may be a good idea, but the Legislature is moving too fast. We don't have to move that fast. But the point that Senator Chambers talks about that I've been stewing about the entire time is just ask yourself this question, but I fought this with the whole juvenile justice concept when we created OJS in the first place. If you have a Director of Social Services, I don't care who he or she is, or