

To...I'll try to make it a minute and a half. What this amendment does is broaden the language a little bit in terms of the plan that is going to be presented to the Legislature. I think it's some good language, good things that we need to look at when they bring the plan before the Legislature, in terms of the transition plan that will include and may include more than, maybe in the form of one bill, or it could include forty bills, that need to be restructured. Two things it does not do, it does not change the implementation date. And I want to reemphasize that it is not intended, for the record, it is not intended to change any of the executive branches' authority to do the duties that they have to do in terms of their authority or their function in the process. With that, I'll try to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear, your light was on from earlier in the day, I think. Don't see Senator Brashear. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to ask for a division of the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Can you explain to us then what the division might be.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I consider this to have two elements. The first element are lines 1 through the first word on line 7, which deals with what will be included in the report that is required under the legislation. The second section, starting with "The Legislature" on line 7 through the end of the amendment, deals with the question of the Legislature approving that plan. So I would like to distinguish between those two elements in the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I see no reason why it cannot be divided, so it will be so ordered, that the division will occur. This division, basically that puts us back to the point where I think we need Senator Avery to intro...first of all, Senator Avery, Senator Wesely requested a division. You may choose the order in which the portions of it come up because they are now, in essence, two separate amendments that you are offering. Which one of these would you like us to address first?

SENATOR AVERY: We'll just go with the first one.