

that they would come back for us for, with the plan. But they never, at any time, have said they will come back to us for approval or disapproval of what the plan is. And I said, if you'll look here in this Section 6, it already gives them the permission to do whatever they want to do. We are saying effective January 1, before we return again here for next session, we are saying you will, you shall transfer these five departments into three. The plan just says how they're going about doing this. They're going to let us know how they're going to go about doing this. The approval to do all of this is in this piece of legislation, not in some piece that'll come next year. This piece of legislation gives the approval for that. So I want every senator, when they vote, hopefully for the Avery amendment, to understand that this gives us, this piece of legislation gives them the authority to do this. What Senator Avery is simply asking for in this part of his amendment is that we will, after January 1 when we get whatever the details of the plan are, that we will still have an opportunity to approve or disapprove. It's similar to the discussion that we had on the gambling issue. The language that we were giving to the public to decide on the gambling issue was very vague language. It said, give us the permission to expand gambling. And they would have approved or disapproved that language and then we would have brought it back here for the plan on how we were going to do that. LB 1044 is very similar language to that expanded gambling language. This, 1044, gives them the approval to do whatever it is they decide they should do. And they can come back to the Legislature next year and tell us what they are doing, but they don't have to ask us for permission to do it because the permission to do it is already in 1044. And I hope the people understand that if they do not adopt the Avery amendment, essentially are what you are saying is the Legislature doesn't need to approve or disapprove whatever the plan is. And I think it's our responsibility to do so. As a legislator, I would like the opportunity to look at the plan that they come up with and decide whether I think, as a person representing my district, that this is the way to do it. And I want the opportunity to approve or disapprove. I will not vote for 1044, one of the main reasons is because it gives them the opportunity to do whatever they want to do. This is the enabling legislation. This tells them go ahead and do whatever you want.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.