

body you may well be split. If you trust your county board I think there would be a number of people that say they do, but maybe it's their city council they don't like. And someplace you got to place your faith in a system across the state, this just allows them the ability to do that. And who knows, maybe with the addition of county board members in certain counties they'll really improve, I don't know. But that's the reason 1085 is written the way it is, and I'd be happy to answer any other questions, Senator, if you wanted to talk about that. I think Senator Wickersham has probably done more of the technical work of his bill, 212, in terms of times, dates and places. And if somebody has...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend the committee amendments. (EA558 can be found on page 1310 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: This is a.... Madam President, members of the body, this is an amendment that actually is not that important as far as the scheme of things and the whole policy question where we're at. But I just wanted to ask a couple of questions, and if the body feels that...if I sense that the body feels that there should be some changes, fine, I'll pursue it, otherwise I'll withdraw it. And there are some other areas in the bill that I just want to talk about. But this particular amendment goes to page 9 of the committee amendment, and it starts on really line 11 through 17. And after the word "petition" in line 11, it just strikes the rest of that line, down through 17. And the amendment actually strikes the part that says, failure by the county board to make a good faith effort to develop an agreement pursuant to the petition, constitutes willful negligence of duty and so on. And then the last part of that, on line 15, says, if, after good faith attempts to develop an agreement, the county board is unable to perfect an agreement within 6 months after filing, the petition is no longer valid. The question I have really for I think Senator Warner or Senator Kristensen... Senator Warner, if you don't mind, is, who in the world is going to decide and what