

object to it I'll probably just pull it back. But I think language along the lines of the Legislature requesting the Standing Committees to undertake these interim studies and have them identify and have them report back is better than setting a precedent in the statutes by legislatively statutorily directing that our committees do during the interim. So I'll be filing that amendment. With that I concur with the idea that as we're looking at squeezing the cost out of government, that we ought to be looking at these unfunded mandates and eliminate those that don't make sense. I just don't think that automatically, because they're mandates, that they're necessarily bad, but those that are bad ought to be repealed.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The Speaker and I had almost the same thing to say because when I looked at the second page of this amendment, I don't know that that particular language that he was referencing with regard to all the Standing Committee, actually I had written out an amendment that would have struck that section, Mr. Speaker, from that because with a direction to do something by a committee that they may or may not either want to do, have time to do, have resources to do, or have an interest in doing. Senator Bromm had shown me a copy of this, this proposed amendment, not this one, but the one that ended up in the Journal last week, one that just predates this. And I thought about it quite a lot during Saturday when I was driving between town hall meeting and town hall meeting. And Senator Bromm had spoke about increasing the numbers. And I would share with you my personal feelings which at this point in time are of very little value, other than to indicate that should this amendment be adopted, and I would, actually I would like to see this adopted because it's something that we have talked about as somewhat of a corollary to how 1114 would work out when it came in time and what we had to do in the two years prior to the implementation date of that. But what I would have encouraged, the scheme that I would encourage this task force to use would be a little bit different than what one might expect, and that would, I would hope that the other members of the task force that are listed in one through six would agree that, that perhaps the proper five representation...representatives of political subdivisions may and well be the executive director of