

the League of Municipalities, the executive director of NACO, of the School Boards Association, of the Nebraska State Education Association, and of the school administrators. And within that framework I would certainly have encouraged the rest of the task force to request of those organizations, which are, in fact, at grass-root level, to begin at the county level within their own framework with the very people that are the final persons who have to comply with whatever we do as mandates, where the best identification could be made, and then work from grass roots up through the five different organizations and in compiling and condensing, in consolidating the mandates that we have put in place through the state of Nebraska that don't carry with them funding to pay for, and that may not be appropriate for each unit of government and may, in fact, even things as small as a monthly report, cost money and staff time. I only share that with you as one person's idea on how this might work. But I share with the Speaker a reluctance to include in this amendment the last section which puts a mandate, a mandate upon all of our Standing Committees that they may not be ready to take upon...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...themselves in this interim period. So I would support this, but I would prefer that it was withdrawn and redrafted without the last section that mandates to the committees because that is something that would come about, I think, automatically as an outcome of this process, as unnecessary mandates would be identified by the professionals who work in those areas and the people who are in the classrooms and running the programs that are in one-on-one contact with the public. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As Senator Withem and Senator Coordsen have raised support of the concept, concern about the drafting, I guess I will as well. I think Senator Janssen and Senator Bromm are exactly right in raising some of the issues that they do with this amendment, so I rise in support of what they're trying to do and suggest again, maybe we need to work on this a little further and consider it further on Select File. Or the alternative would be to have a study resolution introduced and that would suffice, perhaps, to get