

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Bromm, do I understand correctly that you are requesting a division?

SENATOR BROMM: Yeah, thank you, Senator Will. I would move to divide subsection (1) of my proposed amendment from the balance of the amendment, which are subsections (2) and (3), so that we would take up subsection (1) first, please.

SENATOR WILL: I think that is clearly divisible, so the Chair rules it is divided. Would you briefly...just briefly like to explain what subsection (1) is.

SENATOR BROMM: Certainly. Subsection (1) refers to page 5, line 19. And this is the language that currently says, develop and approve enterprise-wide goals, referring to the Director of DAS. We strike the word "approve" and insert "recommend to the Legislature and the Governor". So it would read, "develop and recommend to the Legislature and the Governor enterprise-wide goals", et cetera. That's the first portion of the amendment and the one I would like to take up first.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Before we proceed with debate on the first portion of your amendment, I'd like to announce some guests of yours. Senator Bromm would like to announce that he has 55 fourth graders from St. Wenceslaus Elementary School in Wahoo. They're in the north balcony along with their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Senator Wickersham, on the first division from the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Than you, Mr. President. I'm... Senator Bromm, I'm sorry to say that I'm generally not supportive of what I think your initiative is here. And, with that caveat and perhaps one more, that I'm not unmindful Speaker Withem has spoken on this topic and I agree with what he had to say in broad terms on this issue. But now that we are supposed to focus on Section 1 as a specific division, Senator Bromm, if I could ask you a question. You want to delete the word "approve" and insert the word "recommend to the Legislature and the Governor". I think implicit in the use of the word "recommend" is some later approval of those recommendations, or do you think that once it's developed and recommended that then the Director