

CLERK: Senators Withem, Bromm and Janssen would move to amend with AM4278. (See pages 1731-32 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNAKD-STEVENS: Senator Withem, you're recognized on your amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Could you give me the page number, please?

CLERK: It's on page 1731, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This is an amendment that I am offering, at least my...I think the reason I'm called upon is my name appeared first on it. It's actually an amendment that Senators Bromm and Janssen had offered and, like a lot of things that happen this time of year, there's questionable parentage here as to who's really responsible for this amendment and I'm going to blame the two of them for the underlying ideas. This is an amendment creating a Task Force on Unfunded Mandates and we had some discussion on this the other night and there was a...I think a general consensus that after some discussion about not all mandates are necessarily bad but there are probably some that we ought to examine and it's a good idea to have this examination of with this task force and with a...and this is where we kind of fell apart in the language the other night. The original version of this seemed to direct the Standing Committees that they would, in fact, make this one of their important duties and that they would have to report and I think there was some additional massaging language suggested by Senator Beutler because there was some language about that there shall be a list of things that the Legislature should be directed to examine and to consider repealing. So my contribution to this was to suggest that we may not statutorily wish to direct our committees to undertake studies so that language was softened up somewhat and that's essentially my contribution to this. I think it's a good idea to do this task force as long as we're not mandating that the committees have to do certain things. With that then, being's the underlying idea was from Senator Bromm and Senator Janssen, I see Senator Bromm's light is on, I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Bromm for further ex....

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bromm.