

find a way to beat back the levy limits in two years, and this is going to be one of those wasted tools, I think it's a great opportunity for us then at that time to say, look, look what's happened over the last two years, more of the same. And so I want to support this, I think it's a good opportunity to put together and come up with what are those more burdensome mandates, but you also have to keep in mind that local governments are the people that administer the services. They're the people that pick up your garbage. They're the people that give you your water. They're the people that administer the property tax program, and some of those administrative programs have to have some direction and rules so things are treated fairly across the state. And so just because it's a state law doesn't mean that it's a mandate that's unfunded that's unnecessary or burdensome. But there are some out there. I really would like to see the schools, in particular, come up with a list of things that they tell me are so burdensome to them, that they could live with these limits and I would gladly look at those. I want to do something about that, but if, again, if it's just as a tool or a vehicle to hunker down with and use as a shield against changes in the future, then I think it's a waste of time. I will support the amendment. I'm glad the people that worked on it did.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Mr. Clerk, there's an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend the amendment. (FA613 is found on page 1850 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this may seem like a trifling amendment, maybe it really is, but on line...it would be on page 1, meaning within the first lines, 1 through 23, in line 15, after "the Legislature" insert "State Senator Ernie Chambers" as a member of the task force. What is needed is something to lighten these types of operations, somebody who is not swayed by politics. First of all, I don't care if I get reelected to the Legislature. Unfortunately, people don't run against me. Unfortunately, term limits were thrown out, so I'm doomed to stay here without possibility of parole. But whether there was somebody running against me or