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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: It's a floor amendment, Senator.

SENATOR AVERY: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: And you should have a handout on your desk.

SENATOR AVERY: Oh, okay. Well, I know Senator Chambers is quite talented and as he is over there hurriedly drafting and putting his final touches and flairs to the amendment, I think we'll have something here that can get...that we can agree to and get the individuals all...everybody involved. And I think that's an important process that where everyone is involved and as many people in this Legislature involved and participating in the process. With that, thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President and fellow senators. I think Senator Chambers is working on an amendment which will provide, I'll let it speak for itself, but will provide for the chairperson of this task force to be the Exec Board as this amendment states, but for the other senator members to be appointed by the Executive Board; and it will retain the five representatives of municipalities, counties, and educational community to be selected by, I would think, the Executive Board, if he's preparing it that way. Really, and I'm not...it doesn't really matter to me that much how the members of this task force are selected. As long as there are members of the Legislature and representatives of these other political subdivisions, I think something good will come out of it. Because I know, just drawing back on last year's experience with special education and looking at different things and ways that we could try to consider reducing special ed expenses, it was surprising that some of the state mandates that we had that exceeded federal requirements. And so we were able to I think draft and craft something in the special education language that allowed the state to waive mandates that weren't required by federal law. And I would expect that whether it be with regard to laws dealing with municipalities or laws dealing with counties or schools that we would try to do the same thing as a result of