

this task force. I think, and it's a lot easier for us to without intentionally imposing mandates on political subdivisions to do so than it is to remove those mandates, and it takes a focus like I think we are trying to do with this relatively simple amendment. Focus on it for a year, see what we can come up with that we don't need that's in the law and then we can hopefully take action to reduce or relieve those mandates. Now we'll all be faced with some...Senator Cudaback was just mentioning something to me a little bit ago. We'll be faced probably with some political lobbying or pressure from different interest groups that will encourage us not to remove a mandate, and that's something that we will face as a result of trying to do this. But it's a timely thing to do. It fits in with the legislation that's going through or that's progressing this year, 299, 1114. And I know for a fact that if we go out and ask, go out and ask the local people, if you had your choice, what requirements would you try to be relieved of or what would you suggest we could relieve you of to save money, they will have suggestions. Some of them may not be workable, but I have a habit in my district I guess the last four years of having what I call task force meetings and one of the things we try to glean out of those meetings are suggestions from constituents on what they would like to see changed in the law. Many times those things are not doable, but there have been several instances where bills that we have drafted have been as a result of those suggestions. And I think when each individual committee takes the time to have hearings and focus strictly on unfunded mandates and they take the information from those hearings and then they, in turn, make recommendations to this task force that we will as a result of that process come up with legislation which will be hopefully very meaningful...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...for us to work with. I guess I would want to ask Senator Chambers if he's had an opportunity to draft something in the way of an amendment, perhaps a substitute that he's introduced. Do you have something ready, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We have something here and the copies are coming around so if...I will read what I have but this I have not officially taken it up yet and it will give you a chance to look at it.