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not adopting Senator Bohlke's amendment. That makes it possible for her amendment to be considered. We would debate that amendment and then determine whether we had enough votes to adopt it. Her amendment, to make it as simple as I can, would strip everything out of 637 and insert in its place the directive that a waiver be sought. That would be about what we would try to do at this stage of debate. The bill could then be advanced, if it had enough votes in support of that approach. Then by the time we got to Select File we will have had a chance to explore the language in the federal law that Senator Janssen found, which suggests that operations in the various counties that are already in place can be strung together and become a system. Rather than try to handle all the questions connected to that at this stage of debate, we would work on it between advancing the bill today with Senator Bohlke's amendment, if we succeed in that effort, and when we got to Select File. With the interest that has been shown on the floor and the opposition to 637, as it stands, I think we will be able to have some individuals come together who can see what we're able to work out. On the other hand, if this motion does not succeed, then I would reoffer my bracket motion, because that is the only way we can stop this bill from moving on.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Brown, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, I will withdraw my objection to the substitution.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: If there's no further objection to the request for substitution, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bohlke would move to amend with FA102. (FA102, Legislative Journal page 1535.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, once again, I will restate the motion which says to strike all provisions and amendments, and that the Department of Health and Human Services shall immediately begin the process of applying for a waiver