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unfunded mandate, which is the transportation portion of it, left it to local control so they could do it if they so desired, all of them came in and said, no, don't do that, we like that unfunded mandate. And it was interesting to watch that there's a lot of rhetoric about unfunded mandates but when they actually have the policy taken away where it's their decision if they want to do it not, they have to decide. They would much rather have a comfort blanket there that they have close to them that they can say, no, we agree with you, but that's, that crazy state makes us do it and we have no choice. So it is interesting. I wanted to throw that out. But we are totally in agreement with this portion of the amendment. Senator Wickersham has spoken in favor and Senator McKenzie has a major interest in transportation, is in favor, so this portion goes a long way to meet some of the concerns we have and I urge its adoption.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the transportation section of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the transportation provisions of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: That section, the transportation section of the committee amendments is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, we now move to the fourth provision. I have a request from Speaker Withem for a further division with respect to the fourth proponent, or fourth component, I should say. Maybe you'd like to identify, Senator, for the membership.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just for the membership, and then it's, it's Senator Bohlke's committee amendment. I think Senator Wickersham had a lot to do with this. There's a proposal in it that was, I believe, identified as LB 676 last year which dealt with two incentives for reorganization portion and I'm suggesting that that should be considered separately.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. The section is divisible, so we will proceed. Senator Withem, you want to take