

mandates here very shortly when LB 1059 comes up. If you're concerned about unfunded mandates, it is a concern that I think this Legislature's had for some time and was looked at as part of the studies that we did last year, and there will be at least one bill that will concretely attempt to deal with at least one set of unfunded mandates, those affecting the counties. So backing up and reiterating again, my point would be that this amendment heads us in the right direction, but it is too narrowly focused. I think it needs a little more discussion and refinement. I would be happy to work with the introducers to do that. Perhaps we can come back on Select File on this bill or with a study resolution tomorrow, and I would be happy to pursue this future...this in the future. But, again, we've already looked at some of these issues in the past and I think, I think a follow-up to that is in order. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Just very quickly because Senator Wesely and Senator Coordsen and some of the others have voiced some of my concerns. In the first place, I don't like this. We're again putting a task force in the statute. We do this continually and I don't think it's a good idea to have these ad hoc groups working under statutory...I just think we could do this through study resolution instead of putting it in this statute. And I know it says the task force terminates on December 31, 1996. Well, it would have to because by January whatever in '97 you may very well have new Chairs or whatever. So I don't think that you can go any further than December 31, 1996. It also looks...my first question when I looked at the amendment is, why are you putting it in the statute and why are you spelling out who's supposed to be on it? Well, then I figured that out because, should I say, the legislative, we want to control it. But I don't know that any control will result from this thing at all. So I'm not going to vote for this amendment. If Senator Withem does, indeed, change it to request the Standing Committees to do something like that, that might help. But I still think it should just be a study resolution. I don't think this needs to be in the statute. It just...I just feel like we clutter up the statutes with this kind of thing. So that's all I'll say right now, but I did want you to know if I don't vote, I maybe just won't vote, I won't