

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

February 24, 1998 LB 1063

SENATOR CROSBY: ...to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. And what this amendment will do is a result of discussions with...between Senator Brown and Senator Wesely and Senator Beutler and others, as a means of making some changes in the Wesely amendment, which we consider to be important, and Senator Wesely acknowledged some changes might be helpful to his amendment, with the understanding that the discussion and vote, final vote on the sunset issue would be reserved till Select File. That would enable us to get some things done with the bill. The body can decide whether they wish to advance it to Select File. I think the assumption is that it probably would be, and on Select File we would have the issue clearly presented by itself on the sunset question. The changes to the Wesely amendment, if you have AM3282, are not great in number or not hard to understand. In Section 5, where it said the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report, it would read: The committee may utilize staff and other resources of the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support and shall submit a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2000, et cetera. So we are clearly stating what Senator Wesely's intent was, and that is that the committee may use the staff and other resources but the report is coming from this committee. In line 9 of 3282, where it says, the report shall include, we would add the words, "but not limited to" and list those factors which were listed in Senator Wesely's amendment. On page 2 of his amendment, subparagraph (d) where it says, "Two members of the medical community with experience in serving the health care needs of children appointed by the Governor." So we are saying who appoints those people, and it would be the Governor. Line 13 where it says, the appointment shall be made no later than February 15th, '99, it would read, "The appointments shall be made after January 15, 1999 and no later than February 15, 1999", which is the other change which was in my original amendment which Senator Wesely indicated he didn't have any objection to. With this, if these changes are adopted, I'll certainly support the amendment, and I will support the bill to Select File myself with the understanding that we will have another clear discussion on Select File and a vote with respect to the sunset question. Now whether the sunset question would be the same question we had before us and the same time, there's