

withdraw the amendment, compile that information and share it with you, then I will seek adoption of the amendment itself on Select File. So I'm asking that it be withdrawn at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir, it is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1536.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Is that in the Journal?

CLERK: Page 1944, Senator. 1944.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment is an amendment dealing with the problem of child care payments under Title XX. It's an issue that probably many of you are aware of, having been brought to the attention of members of the Legislature over the course of the last year in particular. The problem...and I want to get into a discussion here and try and talk about what exactly the circumstance is, but I will let you know immediately at this point that I have had communication over the course of the session with the Appropriations Committee on this matter and I think the Appropriations Committee is supportive of trying to deal with this issue. We have had a question about how we would handle the issue. There is a bill, LB 678, which I introduced and which has been advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee and that bill is pending and is a committee priority bill on General File. It hasn't come up for debate and quite possibly won't come up for debate this session. And so, as a result, the thought was to try to amend the appropriations bill, the budget bill, and deal with this matter in that fashion because LB 678 deals with more than just the Title XX day care payment issue, it deals with other changes in day care programs and services and what have you. And so we're going to try and address the Title XX child care issue through the budgetary process and the question that's come up is how much money are we talking about and what exactly are the circumstances. And let me kind of run through what we're dealing with here. Title XX is a social service program that's been in place for some time and it deals with a lot of different areas but in the particular area that it deals with in child care it provides for payments to families in need of child care services that meet certain