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PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR AVERY: ...and all those responsibilities will be in the hands of the Foster Care Review Board. In looking at the financial situation in terms of the dollars that the state will be able to recapture in terms of federal funds, the figures Liz has put together with the Fiscal Office, and those figures show some...about \$19,000 savings the first year, and that would be in 1997. And approximately about \$130,000 in 1998. So, again, this process will save the state some dollars in terms of consolidating. I look at this process and having a consolidation process it, in essence, is restructuring, taking resources and reapplying them to an area where I think that it will benefit the state and most, most of all, it will benefit the children that are out there that seem to get lost in the shuffle in terms of out-of-home placements. I would...I'll entertain any questions. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Avery, may I ask you some questions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: You sure can.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm having a really hard time because I couldn't even find the amendment that you were trying to replace here let alone, here we have a brand new amendment after you just printed one in the Journal on January 11, and I'm having a hard time keeping up with all of these different amendments. But could you explain to me how this amendment differs from the one that was printed in the Journal on January 11, I believe it was, and that's AM2764. How does this one differ from that?

SENATOR AVERY: Just a second, I'll get...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I mean basically we've got a whole new bill thrown at us here again. This thing has been revised so many times it's hard to keep up with what's going on.

SENATOR AVERY: Well, the reason is that we have been trying to work with the Department of Social Services in, and dealing with