

CLERK: Withdraw.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: I now have an amendment from...well, it's drafted, Senator, by yourself and Senator Wesely. I believe it was a floor amendment to an earlier Landis amendment that we adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I'm sorry, a little confusing, Pat. Too many amendments.

CLERK: It's early.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Thank God.

CLERK: Senator, this is an amendment offered by you and Senator Wesely. It's an amendment to the Landis amendment that's already been adopted. This is AM1439.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I'm going to let Senator Wesely handle that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely. (Gavel.)

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Chizek drafted this amendment and I co-sponsored it with him. It is found on page 1800 of the bill. It does clarify an earlier amendment that I had adopted to the bill. Senator Chizek had raised concerns about the CHIP program and its cost, and Senator Chizek had myself and a representative of the Insurance Department sit down and discuss this issue. This amendment would clarify the earlier amendment by specifying that the health agency representative that we added in the earlier amendment to the CHIP board would be selected by the Director of the Department of Insurance. It would also strike language that allows a CHIP board to recover prior losses when setting new rates or policies. This is an attempt to try and not have us back up and add to the burden of these individuals in a retrospective fashion. This adds to the earlier amendment, which again did add a health agency representative on the board, give authorization to the CHIP board to contract with PPOs and HMOs, did allow the conversion of policies by the CHIP board, and also allowed that the waiver that is now provided for in the