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Mr. President, amendments to be printed. Senator Schmit to LB 1031; Senator Warner to LB 1031; Senator Wesely to LB 577; Senator Wesely to LB 989; Senator Withem to LB 1221; Senator McFarland to LR 239A. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1312-17 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The next item on 1031.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Coordsen and a number of members. Senator, I believe this is the...this is AM2979, Senator. (The Coordsen, et al, amendment appears on pages 1318-19 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I distributed a copy of this amendment to members of the body, and if you're interested, I think we could better explain it if we followed along in the committee amendment 2659. This bill relates to an increase in funding for the mental retardation areas of the State of Nebraska to enable them to continue to serve those people who are currently on the list. We will begin then on page 25 of the committee amendment and that's in the community mental retardation program, Program 424. Should this amendment be adopted, the first part of the amendment to the Standing Committee amendments, and this...I'm holding in my hand 2979 which you should all have, would increase the total funding from the General Fund from what is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of \$23,498,454. It would increase that \$2,225,124. And where would the money go? The first thing before we get into the money is that if we'll turn to page 26, on the intent language as to how the money would be used, the amendment that I am proposing would change the intent language on line 13, page 26, to read, "It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Institutions provide state aid for community-based mental retardation service pursuant to" and "individual" would be stricken, on to read, "client service contracts beginning in FY'90-91." Then "Client eligibility for" is stricken, "Funding for services in community-based programs shall require the prior approval of the department" and at that point we insert, "for clients enrolled after January 1, 1990"; then we go on to read, "The department may withhold funds" and we strike beginning with the word "any" in line 20, "may withhold funds for client services when the services provided do not meet minimum