

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Coordsen, on the Avery amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I haven't spoken on this issue and I will not speak on this issue at any length this time. But I do believe that the Exec Board that we currently have has a "plentifera" of responsibilities, and I see no harm in leaving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee as it is, which brings in a well defined set of other members of the Legislature to provide a more attentive guidance to our wanderings across the face of the United States. So I do rise to support the Avery amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Crosby. I haven't spoken on this bill yet either. I held this chair four years ago, for a period of two years, and tried to get some sort of cooperation and some sort of regular type of method to achieve the appointments to the various committees in the national organizations to which we pay a very huge amount of dues. I don't know how high they are now, but they are in the hundreds of thousands of dollars that we pay in dues to the national organizations that we're members of. And each member is entitled to request a position on one of those standing committees in that national organization, or organizations that we are members of. And there has been over the past considerable confusion between the Speaker's office, the Chair of the Exec Board and the Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee as to who should be making which appointments. Is Senator Hall available to answer a question? Senator Hall,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hall, will you yield?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Would you, as current Chair of the Exec Board, feel that it would be proper for the Exec Board to put into our published policy a method of appointing people to the committees for our national organizations so that every member who might like to be a part of the national organizations has an opportunity to do so?