

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, the amendment is withdrawn. Anything else on the committee amendments?

CLERK: Nothing on the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We're now discussing the adoption of the committee amendments. Any further discussion? Senator Wesely, anything else? We will now vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB...the committee amendments are adopted. Is there anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator, I understand you now want to offer AM0837. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1014 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I didn't want to offer those to the committee amendment. I thought we ought to do it to the bill itself. I just talked to Senator Wehrbein and these two bills are bills that came out of committee unanimously. They're probably consent calendar bills, but uncertain about whether or not they would make it through, they are "need to be done" bills that came before the committee. LB 703 is a bill that was supported by everybody from the Governor's Office on through Hospital Association and the Nursing Home Association and what it does is, all it does at this point in the form it is, it delays that pre-screening bill that we passed in 1993, LB 801, we passed it and there was to be two pilot projects to test it out and then it was to take effect this summer, but there is a cost involved with implementing that bill and the pilot projects didn't get up till this fall, so all this amendment does is delay the implementation of the pre-screening for two more years so we can see how it works. That will save money and if it doesn't happen this session, we have a mess, we have a mess because we're not ready to implement it. So that's what one part of the amendment does. The other part of the amendment is dealing with from