

SENATOR ROBAK: Madam President and members of the body, again I apologize for all this confusion. I...you know, we were focused on gambling for so long and we waited for four weeks to have this bill come up and I'm sorry that we were doing this now. But, Senator David, I do think that it was not meant to be more restrictive. And if you feel that way about it and the body feels that way, I'll be happy to withdraw that amendment. I don't want to hurt the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Beutler. (Beutler amendment, FA166, appears on page 1804 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think that we now have worked out the language so that everybody is satisfied with the way that the previous amendment was drawn. I had passed out to you earlier, you'll recall, an amendment, the sole purpose of which was to be sure that the commitment of the various agencies not to increase, not to create entitlements and to inadvertently increase or cause us to increase appropriated funds. The sole purpose of the amendment was to be sure that that did not happen or to use the best language that we could possibly think of anyway to try to preclude that from happening. The amendment that was originally passed out to you now has two changes in it. In lines 4 and 5 the words "but rather to expand the scope of services for persons currently receiving services" is deleted, and on lines 11 the words "for FY '95-96 and FY '96-97" are deleted. Otherwise the amendment is the same as presented to you before and hopefully would have the effect of making it simply quite clear that we don't intend to create entitlements. And if somehow we inadvertently do that, the agencies are obligated to take action to be sure that the overall appropriation is within what we have, in this Legislature, appropriated ahead of time for that purpose. It's intended that there should not be any deficit appropriations, any kind of deficit appropriation that should result from this particular action on our part. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely.