

SENATOR AVERY: Okay, I'm going to pull this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This amendment is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have from Senator Avery is AM1993.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Again...thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amendment, again I looked at what's happening in corrections. This is an area I thought that we have a situation here that we have a number of staff psychologists. What this will do is add additional staff. We're under a hiring freeze in the state, but here's an attempt to add two additional staff psychologists. They already have five. There was a claim for accreditation in terms dealing somewhat with accreditation. The fiscal staff had relayed to me that they have five psychologists on staff already. These two positions they've gone a long time without them. I do not believe that for the next two years this is something that is really needed in the adult services area. We could use the pot, take dollars and save them for programs, other things that would need to be improved instead of adding people in this area. What it does, it would reduce the first year 119,563 and 110,563 in the second year. Again, it adds two staff psychologists. I do not believe that's a need and would hope the body could support that. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I haven't spoken this morning on the budget but this one, it is very difficult when the committee goes through and I think someone pointed out that it's at least three times, I think maybe we've gone over some items now four or five, six times. But when you're talking about adult services at corrections, remember, those are mostly young men who are, and women, who are at one or other of the corrections' facilities. I have no way of evaluating except by what they tell me as to what they need as in staff on psychologists or any other kind of support staff for these people that are there. And I think we have spoken about this on the floor. One of the really telling aspects of being in jail for any long period of time in particular is boredom and I'm sure that they face all kinds of problems, the people who