

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members. I, too, support the Stuhr amendment. And it is my hope, Senator Stuhr, that this time, having also attempted to appropriate some of the additional funds to the Department of Education that we know they will require, that they will actually be able to do that. And the reason I say that is there are two other sections of statute currently that asked for fiscal information, information regarding cost of certain services and programs so that the department, through special education, would have an idea about why things were changing and why they cost more. Unfortunately, we can't find any of that information. And my fear is that the reason for that is that we have never provided the resources for them to do what we have asked. And I think it is very important as well. With that, I rise in support of the Stuhr amendment and ask for your support as well.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Avery. Is there any further discussion on the Stuhr amendment? Seeing none, Senator Stuhr, to close.

SENATOR STUHR: I just ask for your support on this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. The question before the body is the adoption of the Stuhr amendment to the McKenzie amendment to LB 742. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Stuhr's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Stuhr amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Stuhr, AM2424. (Amendment appears on page 2486 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Stuhr, to open on her amendment.

SENATOR STUHR: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this amendment could be found on page 10 of the original McKenzie-Stevens amendment. It has to do with the changes in the Special Education Accountability Commission. In the bill itself it adds three members to this commission. After talking with and visiting with superintendents, of which I have at least