

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem, your light is next, you may continue.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and that was...and that was agreed to. Consequently, you have not seen a lot of debate on the floor about the recommendations for the future, the block grant type of program, all of those other sorts of things that you may have had because people feel that they are now going to have a seat at the table. Senator Stuhr absolutely inadvertently, I'm sure, had absolutely no knowledge of this discussion that took place, but by drafting this amendment it somewhat upsets this rather delicate balance that took place. My hope is, and I see that...that we have something up there at this point that we'll be able to make an accommodation so that Senator Stuhr can have her representation on the commission that she believes is important and without upsetting this balance that we arrived at earlier. So, with that, I would relinquish the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Stuhr, do I understand, Senator, you want to withdraw AM2424 and offer this handwritten amendment that's been provided to us?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. Senator Stuhr, would you like to open on the new amendment? (Stuhr amendment, FA287, appears on page 2486 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR STUHR: All right. What this amendment will do is actually raise the number then to four additional members, keeping two administrators not involved in special education and then retaining the two special education administrators. That's a compromise, but I feel there will be some balance, it will make the number uneven with 17, and it will be a work...it will still be a workable group. But my concern is that we also have a balance of people not involved in special education, those that are responsible for the special financing of special education costs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Avery.