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children. With that, I hope you can support this, and thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Avery. The question before the body is the adoption of the Avery amendment to AM2889. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Avery's amendment to his amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. We're now back to consideration of the underlying Avery amendment, which was opened on yesterday, is now before the body. Senator Schimek, to discuss the Avery amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Back to the entire amendment, I would like, I still have a few questions that I would like to pursue with Senator Avery here this morning.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Avery, one of the things I think that should be clarified here this morning is the fiscal responsibility language in this bill which is on page 2 of the amendment. And it says the state board shall be fiscally responsible for any noncompliance sanctions imposed by the federal government. And I believe you said to me yesterday, in relation to this question, that this was language requested by the Department of Social Services, is that correct?

SENATOR AVERY: That was an area that they did bring up and they wanted. It stated that the state board or Foster Care Review Board would be liable in terms of their portion, in terms of the reviews.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. I wanted to clarify that because I think they didn't particularly want this in here, but they felt it necessary to put in here because, according to what I've been told, the Department of Social Services is still going to be the agency that the federal government will send the sanctions to. Is that correct, Senator Avery?