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I, I have one more question, if you'll bear with me, and I just started to mention it to you here quietly at the desk a minute ago, but on the top of page 3, it says it is the intent of the Legislature that beginning October 1, 1996, the state board shall be the only state agency to have that right and responsibility. Now, I would think it would be July 1997 that they would have that ability, they would be the only state agency. And you said that was covered in the amendment, but I don't see October in that amendment anywhere. I need to look again.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek, are you finished or...?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I asked a question and I think Senator Avery is looking.

SENATOR AVERY: We're just trying to look here for the answer.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR AVERY: Those reviews only pertain to the, not the whole state, but it is, it pertains to the Omaha and North Platte reviews only.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, okay, so just in Omaha and North Platte does that apply then.

SENATOR AVERY: Right, yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would like to announce, from Senator Schmitt's district we have under the south balcony Dr. Roger McCartney. Dr. McCartney, would you stand to be recognized Senator Wesely, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, very briefly. It appears as though there have been some give and take on this issue. There still remains, obviously, a difference of opinion and I will continue to oppose the bill. But understand that first, Senator Avery, I know you made an extra effort to try and cooperate on this issue and I would also like to acknowledge Department of Social Services has been meeting with the Foster Care Review Board and also met previously last year with me and