

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Avery to close on his amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. This representation, individuals that are administrators can participate. We can get community leaders involved. Many of them probably have some expertise, some work experience in these areas. These are broad areas. When you look at long-term care, veterans affairs, these are only a few. We don't have a list of at least 15 items. We can involve other individuals. I think it's a good idea to get community leaders involved and participate, but you have to bring other elements in, those individuals that have some expertise in this, and I'm asking that at least we have some members on there, we put it in the language, here we are agreeing to something and it's that concept again. There is no substance. I am trying to put a little bit in here in this piece of legislation that outlines and gives some structure. By next December, hopefully, we'll have more structure to this process, but let's do what the Legislature is supposed to and provide some guidelines in policy, provide that framework, that structure that is there. They can deal and provide a lot of other materials. I hope you support this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. The question before the body is the adoption of the Avery amendment to LB 1044. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Witek has requested a record vote. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1043 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 17 ayes, 16 nays on the adoption of Senator Avery's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Avery amendment fails. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Stuhr would move to amend. (See AM3556 found on page 1043 of the Legislative Journal.)

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