

SENATOR AVERY: It would say that the Legislature has been involved in this process,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR AVERY: ...this plan.

SPEAKER WITHEM: But the administration would be free to ignore our vote of approval or disapproval?

SENATOR AVERY: Just in the areas that they have their executive authority.

SPEAKER WITHEM: But we've already given them legislative authority with this language Senator Witek pointed out, didn't we? I guess I'm trying to, I'm trying to understand what impact this will have one way or the other. I'm still confused with that,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...so, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. In follow up to Senator Withem's questioning. I think, I think we need not adopt this. I rise in opposition to this part of the Avery amendment. There's a number of reasons why, and Senator Withem already went through some of those, but let me essentially tell you this. The process that I see is a plan that will be developed, and it described on page 4 of the bill. It will include a number of provisions. We will lay out what will happen. The concern I have is that in fact the Avery amendment will stop what would be a natural ability to manage these agencies and combine forces that they can now do any way, and actually impede progress instead of facilitate it. And what I'm looking at is ultimately, Senator Witek talks about how we have no control over this. Well, if you look at the committee amendment to the bill you'll find single spaced almost five hundred pages of amendments, those are the statutes of the state of Nebraska that establish the services and programs in these agencies. Any changes that affect any of these departments, that tie in at all to these statutes, have to come through the