

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to...maybe I should let the Lieutenant Governor do this. No, we'll let you go ahead and check in. I invite you back to the chamber to check in so we can begin the afternoon activities.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We turn to Select File on LB 1189.

CLERK: The next amendment, Madam President, by Senator Avery. Senator, I have AM3961 in front of me with a note that you would like to withdraw 3961 and offer instead AM4051. (See page 1708 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR AVERY: That's correct.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam President, members, again, this is a amendment that was filed and if I could ask the Clerk to specify the page for 3961.

CLERK: (AM)3961, Senator, was on page 1377.

SENATOR AVERY: Again, this, as filed, is exactly the same, though it includes having it redrafted for the E & R amendments so it would fit with Select File. What Amendment 4051 does is, this one is one that I...I guess I looked at and I supported the methodology process. What it deals with is developmental disabilities at the regional and the areas across the state that deal with developmental disabilities. We have set up, there has been a process set up to gradually increase the pay equity and in that I remember supporting that, but in looking at what we have done on an interim session, or a short session, is I think this is something that probably should be a policy set that we