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discussion? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on...he does not...he waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of FA84 to AM0633. All in favor vote aye; those opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Chambers amendment. Have you all voted on FA84 who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Amendment has been adopted. Back to discussion of the committee amendments themselves, AM0633. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I just have a really quick question, Senator Byars, now that we're back on the committee amendment, if I can find it here. It's on that Section 4...or Section...it's on page 3, paragraph (4), about the advisory committee and the oversight. Can you...I did talk with your staff member off the mike a little while ago, and I guess her explanation to me was that the way that the advisory board and the department are going to interact is going to be on an ongoing basis. There's going to be dialogue on a continuing basis so that the advisory board not only will get those quarterly reports, but they will also get them on a yearly basis. And would you elaborate or respond or anything that you wish to do to that? I just want to feel assured that this oversight will truly be effective.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Schimek, and I certainly will. In all of the conversation, in the development of the bill and the...in its original form, and then the conversation after the committee amendments were drawn by all the advocacy groups, the department, persons with disabilities, all of the attorneys that need to be involved, it was the intention, continues to be the intention, that this advisory committee is an active advisory committee that doesn't just work every three months or once a year, but it's a committee that is actively overseeing the circumstances involved with the individuals who