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bit...that it shouldn't be done on this bill, is strong only from the standpoint of holding the tenuous package together, but not very strong on the underlying argument. And I also think that there has been no addressing of those things that we have already made policy decisions to promote, such as the State Fair Board and the Racing Commission and those exemptions, and why housing authorities are not equally deserving of that kind of exemption. But I think that Senator Smith has raised a significant concern that needs to be addressed, and I will work with Senator Smith to try to address that between now and Select File. So I would ask that...to withdraw this amendment at this point in time and refile it on Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have with respect to the committee amendments is by Senator Byars, AM2782. (Legislative Journal page 1085.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Byars, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Madam President. Let me make it clear to everybody from the beginning, this is not an amendment which should drag this agreed-upon package down in any way, shouldn't really enhance it in any way, either. It's a bill that's asking us to be practical for all given purposes. AM2782 puts into statute what has been the practice regarding not-for-profit community-based developmental disability service providers. These providers, to the best of our knowledge and everything that we can find out, have not paid sales tax. However, there have been recent interpretations within the Department of Revenue that have raised concerns that the ambiguity in the law may lead to these providers having to pay sales tax. I'm not asking you to change anything that isn't in practice today. Not-for-profit providers that aren't paying sales tax...and I'm asking you to put into statute that not-for-profit providers to developmental disabilities not pay sales tax. No fiscal impact to the state. We haven't been collecting these dollars; we aren't going to lose them. The