

necessary to clear up the language so I'd appreciate support for the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to close, Senator Barrett?

SENATOR BARRETT: No closing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Barrett amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Barrett's amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Barrett amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Do you have another amendment to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments as follows: (Read Beutler amendment which appears on page 1411 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think this is just a clarifying amendment, but I want to be sure that I understand what a particular part of the committee amendments mean. The committee amendments say that the director, and this means the Director of Social Services, shall have the power to deny any grant, award or portion of an award made by the board and the board of course is this board that has been set up separately and apart from the Department of Social Services. And the director has the power to deny these awards which in the opinion of the director, if the award is inconsistent with Sections 1 to 6 of this act, inconsistent with 1 through 6 of the act, now I don't really know exactly what that means. I hope what it means is that the director has the power to basically do whatever she pleases in terms of assessing those awards because I think that the director is the only person in this process now who is in a position to take a look at the programs being promoted by this particular commission and comparing those to the programs of Social Services itself and comparing it to the programs put on by