

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is withdrawn. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Ashford would move to amend.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. I just need to see...could I see a copy of that, Pat.

CLERK: It's being run right now, Senator, I'll get it to you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, thank you very much. This amendment simply takes Senator Avery's amendment and inserts the words advisory, so that this does...we do create the committee under this amendment, but its function is primarily advisory, though. It...and that adv...that...that function is...is set forth in the amendment. So we're taking the...the amendment that Senator Avery offered, inserting the word advisory as to the...on the issue of rules and regulations, and input into rules and regulations by the Department of Environmental Control and Department of Health, so that the committee will have some...thanks, Pat. The language would read in...on the first page in the first paragraph of Senator Avery's amendment, that there is hereby created a rules and regulations advisory committee consisting of the director of agriculture, director of environmental quality, director of natural resources, director of water resources, and director of health, or the designated representative of any such directors. The committee shall advise the Department of Agriculture in the adoption and promulgation of such rules and regulations. Gets around the concern of Senator Baack on the lead agency issue, but still, at least I'm satisfied, puts those other agencies into the process of issuing the rules and regulations. And I think the...we've already had some discussion about the general issue. so, with that, I would just move the amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, what I'd like to do is I'd like to discuss this with Senator Ashford and see if we could make this amendment work, because the way the amendment is written right now, if we simply make this as an advisory committee, the rest of the...the rest of the amendment wiped out all the authority for the department to set any rules