

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Wesely amendment to LB 305. In fact, this is an area that I've been interested in legislatively. I have not introduced anything as of yet because of the action that has been taken at the federal level which, as Senator Wesely indicated, will take effect if the state does not act. But I think it is certainly proper to do as Senator Wesely suggests and make sure we have state standards in effect that are at least as stringent and possibly more stringent than those that the federal government would impose. I think if your experience is similar to mine, it's probably as close to a consensus as you can get among the citizens of the state that they visit with with respect to some level of discomfort with automatic dialing devices. I think all of us have had the experience of picking up the telephone to find an automatic dialing device with an unwanted call on the other end. I think all of us have probably tried to hang up and found that the call did not disconnect as we expected it would and become increasingly irritated with the automatic dialing device. This would address that situation as well as a number of others and I think is definitely an area that the state needs to step in and regulate, if not banning these devices. I guess, at this point, I would stop short of banning the devices because I do think they serve some useful purpose but there is absolutely no excuse for these devices to be calling people who don't want to be called or to be...or to not disconnect when an individual hangs up. For that reason, I would wholeheartedly support the Wesely amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, Senator Wesely, what is the bill number you are amending here?

SENATOR WESELY: LB 275.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess I don't fully have a problem with the bill. As I have said before, I always have a problem doing this on the first full day and starting hanging Christmas ornaments on things, but...

SENATOR WESELY: Christmas is early this year, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Christmas is early, okay, those in glass houses