

wear some kind of yellow scar or something on them. They are people, just as you and I are, who are trying to survive. So this amendment would help a lot in a transitional way to try to get them from when they finally reach the point that they are...the person is working, has reached the time limit, the two-year cutoff, but still isn't quite ready to go off all the benefits. And 7,000 families and 13,000 children, that's no small number that would be affected. So I will greatly appreciate your vote for this amendment. And all I'll ask is a record vote. Thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Crosby. You've heard the closing on the Crosby amendment to LB 1224. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. I believe there's been a request for a record vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1869 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: The Crosby amendment fails. The next motion, Mr. Clerk. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Wesely. Senator, I have a note that you wish to withdraw the proposal I have before me and offer instead AM4481. (See pages 1870-73 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Any objections to the substitution? If not, so ordered. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I hope you will take the time to listen to this explanation of the amendment and I would ask your indulgence. This is an amendment that we worked on between Senator Rasmussen, Senator Bohlke and myself, and although they may not want to claim credit or blame for it, Senator Chambers, and Senator Crosby, as we talked about how we would want to improve upon the bill and deal with some of the concerns that had been expressed on General File by Senator Chambers, Senator Crosby and others who had some opposition to the legislation. So let me run through what our response is in an attempt to try and improve the bill and to deal with some of the concerns, and