

SPEAKER WITHEM: Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call and I believe we'll leave the house under call just for a few more moments. So, members, please stay in your seats. Members that are gone please return, the house is under call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rasmussen would move to amend. (FA546 appears on page 1874 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this, too, comes as an amendment in response to folks' concern about clarity, about what approval means. Senator Wesely and I have referenced several times about the process here is that we, hopefully, will determine some policies this year. The work will be done in the interim and then next year the waiver plan will be brought back to the Legislature for approval. And so this language says that approval shall mean the introduction, consideration and enactment of legislation. Folks want to make sure that there will be a public hearing process and that there will be full debate as we look at the specifics of an implementation plan. And I would urge that you support this. This was the intent of the committee in all of our discussions that that's what approval meant. And I would urge your support of this.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Discussion on the Rasmussen amendment. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, let me reiterate the steps I think we'll be taking if and when, hopefully, we pass this legislation this year. If you pass the bill, you have child support elements that have to be enacted and they go forward. Those statutory changes are enacted and implemented. But the studies and the welfare reform system changes begin a process that will take us weeks and months and even years to fully implement. And this is the first step in a direction that will lead to other changes but how all of that happens will be a step-by-step process. So you have studies by a round table, by the Labor Department, Department of Economic Development, by education, by others all looking at job training, job availability, other efforts to look at how we regionally serve people. There are any number of things that