

training or some sort of participation in the self-sufficiency contract. Then after the six months of the child being born, then you go into full participation either into education, job training or job or whatever it might be and that's the process you would go through. And Senator Chambers is saying the current language says if you sign a contract and you have a child born 10 months later, so it is beyond the contract and not included in the contract, you don't get to stay home beyond the 12 weeks part time, you do your 12 weeks at home and off you go full time into the participation. And I think that's a reasonable question to raise, so if that's his intent, it's something that sounds reasonable to me and I guess I'll wait till Senator Chambers has a chance to respond. Senator Chambers, are you in a position to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WESELY: ...I'll give you the rest of my time if you'd like.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there are numerous provisions in this bill. They intertwine, interlock and some of them are related to each other, but they don't necessarily intertwine and interlock. There is another provision of the bill which would allow in the case of the...what I call the unfortunate child born out of time, an extension of this self-sufficiency contract for 12 weeks. The ones who support this bill wanted assurances that by seeking this amendment I am not at the same time trying to extend the contract for an additional 6 months rather than the 12 weeks. My intent is to amend at this point only the provision of the bill that I'm offering an amendment to and I don't have any amendments...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...drafted to extend that contract beyond the 2 years by more than a 12-week period as is the current status of the bill. But when we get to the two-year period I'm going to fight against that to eradicate it, hopefully. Let me strike that, I hate hopefully. I hope that I can eradicate it and I will also struggle very hard to try to undo the portion of the bill which says that the child born out of time will not receive any cash assistance. Those are the two big sticking points for me right now. But this amendment that I'm offering does not