

April 11, 1994      LB 1224

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers amendment is adopted. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending at this time to the Wesely amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Anything further on the Wesely amendment? Senator Wesely, I see no further lights, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment has served its purpose as originally intended to try and compromise and cooperate between opponents of the bill and supporters of the bill. Senator Chambers has made some additional amendments to the language that Senator Rasmussen, Senator Bohlke and I had worked on along with Senator Chambers and Senator Crosby. We think it will enhance significantly some of the priorities of the bill, clarifying some areas that had been uncertain and I think dealing with the concerns that had been expressed. This does a number of things in clarifying some of the studies, would look at jobs, would clarify some of the statements in the bill, would have an independent appeal process, would have intent to have health care covered as is child care up to 185 percent of poverty on a sliding fee payment schedule. Talking about taking a look at the "learnfare" and the family cap, looking at a minimum level of income on the job that would be available before you would lose your benefits, talking about a welfare ombudsman in the ombudsman's office, looking at other definitional changes as Senator Chambers talked about just now and those children born after the 10 months of the contract, would have the same time at home with their mother as would the other children and the extreme hardship exemption would be in there for any "learnfare" reduction, so those amendments I think have enhanced the bill, make the bill more positive and I'd ask adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The question before the body is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 1224. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

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