

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Yes, I support this resolution, and I think we need to do more than just a resolution. I think we need to bring pressure to bear because as far back, 40 years ago at least, what we call the newsstands, or the old cigar stands, or whatever, in the public buildings, post offices in our town, in Hastings, were always designated as the...for the visually impaired in particular were the ones who ran those little stands. The second thing I want to recall to all of you is that vocational rehabilitation, we lost their connection with the cafeteria in this building, and that was a wonderful training ground for the handicapped people in trying to get...go into food service. So I really regret that, that we have lost that connection. As state legislators we stand up here and work very hard to help people who are handicapped in any way, and then we don't...we tried then, Cap Dierks and many worked very hard to try to keep that connection with voc rehab, and it didn't work. So I think we really need to go back on that one and pressure to bear on this one so we keep those places available for the people who need that employment. It isn't just the fact that we need them, but they need us, too. So I would...I definitely support this, but I think we can't just stop here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. And I, too, appreciate the shop and Bill. Senator Pedersen, though I do have some questions for you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Is this because of costs that the Department of Administrative Services is thinking of closing it? What, indeed, is the decision based on?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: My understanding is the original criteria was the building was not built to have that in it, and we want to go back to its original state of form and use.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Ca, the light dawns. This is to go back to the