

consumers or advocates for those.

SENATOR ASHFORD: And it's not that the participants or the consumers are not, shouldn't be included...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...but again, my concern is we need to get the best expertise that we can get, the best people we can find to come up with a conclusion because we can't wait, in my opinion anyway, I'm sure it's yours and everybody else's in here, is that by next January of 1994 I don't want someone coming in here and saying to us, gee, we just couldn't get together and work this out and we're still in disagreement. We really want a plan to result from this and...

SENATOR WESELY: Absolutely.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...so hopefully that this will result in that and I don't have any objection as long as we're, we give to the Governor the discretion to appoint the real top experts in this area, if it be in the advocacy side, that's fine and that would be my hope. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Wesely, you're next. Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, Madam President, members, what I was going to just share with Senator Ashford. We had a situation where we had a bill on AIDS and it was a controversial bill and there was great concern, if you remember, last fall about an individual who was HIV positive who felt they hadn't been involved in the decision making process and the development of the bill. They were up in arms. The community was very concerned and they wanted the Governor to form a special task force and it was a very unpleasant situation. We decided as a committee to form a special task force and involve the people that were most concerned in a task force working with Senator Dierks. They met February, March, into April. They took the bill that they hated, that they had been up in arms with just months before. They worked through the bill. We adopted some amendments, we answered the concerns and in the end those people that had opposed the bill that had objected to the bill were advocates of the bill and that's exactly what I think will