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SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you. I think what you are actually driving at is to increase the program and increase the money payable to this program, is that not correct?

SENATOR WESELY: I think if the program was working properly that may be okay. I wouldn't want to increase any funding until we make it work properly. That is certainly the case.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you. Mr. Chairman, I would just say that if we are going to dismiss this, this is one thing, but if we intend to bring it back at Select File or another time, perhaps we should be discussing this so that we really find out what we are driving at rather than just talking about it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you object then to the withdrawal of the...okay? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I might just comment a little bit on Senator Wesely's amendment. I think this is a good program. I would agree that there may need some supervisory changes. The program is a lot better than it was a number of years ago when the interns did not receive any training at all. However, Ron Bowmaster has given those young people training and up until this year, every year I have been here I have had one of those persons directly under my control, and in that situation, the benefits received were considerable. I would agree that we do need to strengthen the lines of authority but I am happy to see Senator Wesely withdraw his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker, before I withhold an objection to the amendment, I had several questions to ask Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, you indicated in your remarks that over the past several years you had as many as twenty-eight of these interns working for you, is that correct? Did I understand you correctly, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Dworak, I have had twenty-eight volunteer interns.

SENATOR DWORAK: And do you think it is better that these students do this on a voluntary basis than pay them a small amount for the work they are doing? Is that your point? Is that what you are trying to espouse here, that we eliminate the salaries and make it all volunteer?