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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I am not sure what the amendment will be about but I guess my concern is who...and perhaps I can ask a question if I am out of order, or you can tell me, Senator Wesely, could you answer a question for me, please?

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR KAHLE: Who will make the determination of whether a home, a family, will receive assistance? Is that the Welfare Director, or will it be someone else?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the Department of Welfare will review it through the normal staff mechanism, and then there will be an appeal process involved. But I think eventually I guess the Director will have that responsibility. But what we are trying to do is they will have staff people that will then review all these other programs and try and help them with existing programs and then if they need help and they can't find anybody currently available to help them, they will provide assistance under this safety net.

SENATOR KAHLE: One more question, will there be a financial limit to what that family can have and....

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: ... and what their standard of living might be before they get any help?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. The medium....if they make over the medium family income, they can't even apply. So...and then beyond that they have to sh a tremendous need in order to provide assistance. So t is a very tight program and they will have to have income qualifications.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you. That helps me.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Wesely, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, will you respond?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, are there provisions made