

Ashford. First, his initiative and work last year on behalf of the committee led to transition benefits that have since been adopted by the Congress as national policy, and now we are following up with filling the gap that he identified in further research in this area. If we want to move people off of welfare and into the work force, we need to recognize the need for assistance that is being proposed, and because time is running out, I would only take this opportunity to publicly thank Senator Ashford for his good work on this and ask all of your support for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I just would like to have a question for Senator Ashford. The A bill, is that the A bill as the bill is now amended? Is that accurate?

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, it is not. The A bill was as originally, I believe as originally put in.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And what is the amended version, what would that be?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator Wesely might have some updated numbers on that. I don't have the exact number, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I didn't catch that. Senator Wesely, what is the amended fiscal impact now, that is my question?

SENATOR WESELY: The committee amendment took out the increase in ADC. That was a large bulk of the increase, and so what is left is about \$750,000.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the A bill does say 704 and 938, the big numbers anyway.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, I see. I don't know. We are going to have...maybe that does reflect that. Well, we, obviously, will have to take a look after the committee amendments are adopted and make the adjustment if we need to.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But is is not 4 and 5 million?

SENATOR WESELY: No.