

toward an amendment to work with you as they develop. See, right now the director is to establish those caseloads, we could include an additional mileage factor and I think that would be quite reasonable. I'll be willing to work with you on it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I rise to support 720 and I really don't know what else can be said. Everything I wanted to say has been said. I'll agree with Senator Warner that maybe this national figure is something that we don't want to lock ourselves into, but I've done quite a bit of digging in my district, and just as in Senator Kristensen's district, my folks are definitely overworked, and this is not a job, as he said, not a nine to five job, this is not a job that is easy to leave at work like possibly my job or some of your jobs. These jobs are ones in which the people get very much involved. They have to get involved. They care very much for their clients and they really go out on a limb for these people and the people...the turnover in my district, because of that, because of the stress involved in these jobs and because of the hours and the frustrations that these folks are feeling, turnover in my district is very, very high. And simply, I couldn't believe when they told me, and I'm sure you've all heard it, too, that one of the way they prioritize these cases is the ability to flee. If someone can run and flee an abusive situation, they get moved to the bottom of the list because they barely have time to address the children that can't take it upon their own and leave. They must concentrate on the children that cannot flee and that just took me back. I could not believe it. This morning the Governor was talking about more money for prisons, more money for police, stronger drug laws. Well, I think if we really want to address these problems, we have to start addressing these problems by spending the money up front. Intervention and prevention at the cause of the problem will save us money in the long run. We can fill these prisons and build more and fill them again and again and again, but until we start addressing the problems at the root, it's just an unending cycle and I would urge you all to support LB 720.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I