gained the ability to move off of welfare...

SENATOR LABEDZ PRESIDING

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, and into the work force, I could see where this would be something worth doing, but I don't see that at all. I don't see that attitude being expressed here and instead I see the old-fashioned approach that we found in old county government days, old welfare days, that for somebody who has need of assistance we just make it as tough on them as we can, as difficult as we can and I just don't think we're at that stage anymore. We've moved past that stage. We stopped doing that ten years or more ago and moved into this different direction and it's time I think county government caught up with the rest of the state and with the rest of the world in trying to understand that individuals that are on welfare aren't there because they like it or enjoy it, they're there for any number of reasons and if we can find those reasons and take care of those problems, those people I think want to work by and large and that's what we want to try and accomplish. Get these people the skills they need and ability that they need to move back into the work force. So that's the main point, that there is no disagreement that we need to deal with these individuals and do something about their being in the system, but the two approaches differ in how they accomplish the goal of moving them off of welfare and the more effective goal is the one the state has.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Wesely, time is up.

SENATOR WESELY: This is a very ineffective goal and I would ask your opposition to the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Abboud, on the advancement of LB 422.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yeah, Mr. President or Madam President, colleagues, you know the one thing that I learned down here from day one is that each one of these bureaucracies has their own turf battle and I think the counties would be happy to have the state run their program if they'd pay for it and it's the same old approach of the state coming in and saying this is the way it should be and you should run it this way and the counties saying, well, that's fine, you want to take this over, you want