

worked there for some time and we, of course, understood how AIDS is transmitted and knew that all precautions that were necessary were taken. I just wanted to tell you about a little girl that was in that home. She was nine years old and had had AIDS since she was born. It is difficult for me to understand how anybody could object to the legislation on the basis that this is some method of God's punishment because that little girl was very innocent, of course, when she came there. She had had chicken pox for I believe eight months at that time because her immune system was destroyed and she couldn't get over it. She died shortly after we were there and I think that, of course, the care that she got in that home was extremely good, and I think she did live in some ease the last few months of her life, but I just wanted to relate that to you. And I think so many times we go by old wives' tales, and we don't pay attention to facts, and we don't understand sometimes what we do to people by small or little information that we have. So this type of legislation, it is almost a shame that it is necessary but I think it is and I applaud Senator Chambers for bringing it. I support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Very briefly, I would like to take a chance to commend the Legislature. A lot of times we take a lot of hits down here for things we do or even sometimes for things we don't do, and I know we all have our disappointments. But on this issue of AIDS, this Legislature did some of the best work in the country. We were one of the last to take action on the AIDS issue and it turned out to be wise. We passed, in 1988, legislation that turned out to be nationally recognized as some of the best, most common sense types of approaches to the issue that we saw anywhere in the country. If you remember the hysteria build up, especially in '87, and '86, and there we had a lot of legislation that people were pushing, a little more dramatic, a little more flair than what we looked at in 1988, but it turns out in some of those cases, they have repealed those pieces of legislation that were so much more aggressive than what we looked at, and it turns out the legislation we passed ended up serving its purpose, doing a good job, and I think we can be proud of the good work we did two years ago. Part of that bill talked about the intent of the Legislature to deal with the discrimination issue, and Senator Chambers will remember this. Senator Chambers amended that bill and put in the intent of the