

getting that information? The bottom line came that when the Department of Revenue goes to companies and asks, for example, how many jobs were created from 775? When they actually do that, the only way we get that information is from the companies themselves. I mean, they will now say they will tell us or the Department of Revenue, this many jobs were created because of 775, these jobs are not a part of 775, we would have done this anyway. I mean, that is the nature of the information we get. We have no way of going in, to my knowledge, based on that hearing at least, there is no way that we have going in to audit to actually find out what really happened. Did we really get these jobs because of 775 or did they take the tax advantages and also do what they were going to do anyway? I mean, I don't know, and that is the burning question we're going to all have for a long, long time.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Was 775 good or was it not good? And quite honestly, I don't think any of us will ever know. We'll all look at the record and say, listen, we had a big improvement after 775, but on the other hand, we know that the Midwest was beginning an upturn from a major recession anyway. Would that have happened in due course? Would there have been more job creation? I don't know. But some of the information that we have know, what Senator Wesely is saying, is that now we have a Department of Revenue who, Senator Wesely, and I have no reason to doubt him, says does not want to give the information in the way that we would like to have it given to us. But they are supportive of this bill which would require them to give us the information in a particular packet that we're all supposed to read and come to different conclusions. And I guess I would say that we're kind of spinning our wheels here. If the Department of Revenue is willing to have us pass a bill that would require them to do so, I suspect that if we ask them to do so, they would, in fact, do which they say they are in support of doing.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So I think at this point, urge that we not agree to the amendment to the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, you're ready to close, but may I introduce a couple of guests before you do so. Senator Moore has two groups in the south balcony. We have