

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely, as you know, in the past I have not been supportive of this type of legislation, as I know you have not and others. And I'm not...I'm still uncomfortable, even with this one. And I know it has been changed to a great degree, which has caused me some perplexity. I'm looking at your amendment, and I guess what I'd like to ask you is a couple questions about this, specifically about the amendment, and one kind of in general. In your amendment when it says, technical job skills, how do you define that? Does that mean, for example, that if they come to a particular department or agency, that we can talk about mowing the lawn, we can talk about maybe doing this typing, if they can type, we can talk about cleaning the bathrooms, because they may be able to get a janitorial job somewhere, so we need....I mean how could one define technical job skills?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, let me...let me back up, because what we're amending is a training program that would be prior to the community service. I think you were referencing the community service aspect of the program. So what we're looking at is early on the job training program, before they ever can be allowed to be pushed into a community service setting they've got to have training. And the training I'd be looking for, the definition there would be for technical job skills, for instance, if some individual thought they'd like to pursue a secretarial career, or perhaps work in a restaurant or something, they would get the training to be able to do the job that they would attempt to achieve. And so technical job skills is getting the actual ability to do the work that they intend to pursue. And so that's the training program that they'd have to go through, prior to then the three month period in which, if they didn't get a job, they'd have a delay period. And then they would be possibly put into a community service program.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Then after this amendment, and with that explanation I'm in support of the amendment. If this amendment, and hopefully this amendment will be agreed to. Once it is put in the bill, then once they get into community service, Senator Wesely, if you'd still take a minute of my time to answer, once they're in the community service, the way the bill is written now, what types of things could they be asked to do?

SENATOR WESELY: It is very broad, Senator Bernard-Stevens.