

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, some have been told they're like number 4, and then they go down to number 67 on the list. They don't seem to have any continuity on their waiting list, and that bothers me. And I have a ton of letters here in my region.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, it's...I don't have good news for you, but...

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. None of this is addressed in this bill today?

SENATOR WESELY: It would have been, but it still is, but only through intent and not actually with the entitlement mandated as we originally wanted to do in the bill.

SENATOR ROBAK: So some of these elderly people are just...

SENATOR WESELY: At this point, with the adoption of the amendment pending, the entitlement is taken out of the bill for those people. And I'm sorry to have to do that, I wish we didn't have to, but evidently there are concerns about that, and that's why...

SENATOR ROBAK: So then what are we really doing with this bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Well there's a lot more to the bill than the entitlement part of it. But as far as the entitlement issue, there is language in there saying we are intending to entitle those people in 1994. We're going to study how much it would cost and how many people need the services, the 100 people you have, exactly what services they need, how much would it cost, and we'll get a report back to the Legislature, and then next session we can decide to pass that entitlement and fund it for '94. So we're still going to address it, it's just not going to be in the bill as I wish it would be.

SENATOR ROBAK: I agree with you, and I don't think they should have to wait that long for their entitlement. We don't have school children wait to get into schools, and we don't have other people waiting to get into their programs, except in this department. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment to the amendment? Senator Wesely, do