

don't think makes sense. I understand Senator Coordsen's frustration and let me also follow up. He talked about problems I've had before with the department. Let me reiterate once again, a couple of years ago and this particular bill also emanates from a couple of years ago. A couple of years ago we added emergency money into the Department of Social Services budget and I believe it was in the range of four or 5 million additional dollars for deficit appropriation which just a matter of weeks later was turned around and converted into a nursing home settlement of, I believe, somewhere in the range of \$3 million, like half the additional money went into that settlement, clearly circumventing the Legislature's role in that decision and frustrating many of us who felt that that wasn't going to be resolved in that fashion. In addition, last year there was a bill I had that we just passed this morning on child care that was vetoed based on the funding which was Title XX reimbursement...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...but that Title XX reimbursement was increased by the department itself even before the bill was vetoed based on the funding, so I was happy for that decision, not happy with the first one, but nevertheless, I guess what Senator Coordsen is suggesting is the Legislature has an intent and purpose in mind with appropriating funds. I agree that as much as possible that needs to be followed and so I do stand up for the Legislature's right in that area, but I think perhaps the way that can be achieved is through a compromise I think Senator Coordsen will offer that I would prefer pursuing and appreciate his work in following up on this issue.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesel. Senator Moore, do you wish to discuss this amendment now? Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, are there any other lights on?

SPEAKER BAACK: No, there are not.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Then may I use this for closing?

SPEAKER BAACK: You certainly may.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator