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won't be in this year's though, it was in last year's Journal. I can read it. It is relatively short, if you'd like me to.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, why don't you go ahead and read it and I'll...

CLERK: Page 13, line 4, before the word "A" insert "(1)" and after line 9 on page 13 insert the following new subsection: A sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole imposed pursuant to Section 8 of this act shall include a requirement that the person sentenced spend a specified percentage of his or her incarceration engaged in an on-site employment supervised by the Department of Correctional Services, with the earnings to be contributed directly to the survivors of the victim or to the victims' support fund as restitution for the capital offense.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I apologize. I thought this might be available in your Journal and so I don't have copies of it, but I think the intent is clear and what I'm attempting to do, members of the Legislature, is recognize one of the concerns about the idea of repealing the death penalty, that being the cost of having an individual incarcerated for many years without any attempt to try to have the cost helped in terms of coverage by the person that is in jail. So this says that if you take an individual and rather than apply the death sentence, have them given the penalty of life imprisonment with no parole, that then to some degree they would be working within the prison and the money that they would earn from that work would go back to the survivors. For instance, if they killed an individual that that individual's family would receive some of the wages earned and also perhaps a victim's fund, and I know Senator Pirsch has had a long-standing interest in that as well. I throw it out here and I may withdraw it, I may go ahead and vote on it. I'm interested in Senator Chambers' reactions and others' reactions, but I just think in the concerns that have been expressed about the death penalty, this would ease some of those concerns and would be at least an appropriate issue to discuss. So I offer the amendment as a concept and idea that we may or may not want to pursue today.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Pirsch, do you wish to speak to the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Wesely, actually I'm glad to have a