

goes way deeper than a funding source, goes way deeper than a management decision, but it goes about the attitude of this Legislature relative to how we, indeed, recognize people with developmental disabilities. It has long been my intent and I think the intent of Senator Wesely and many other members of this body that we need to move forward and not backward in giving opportunities to people that have disabilities. I think we have done this in the direction that we have moved in the employment within our cafeteria in the State Capitol. And I think a finer example could not be set than what we do in relationship to giving them employment and training opportunities. Folks, we've moved away from an institutionalized type setting for people with disabilities. We have moved into a community base setting. We have tried to be less restrictive and offer more in the terms of employment and opportunity for people with developmental disabilities and we need to continue to do this. And for us to set an example of saying, no, I'm sorry, gosh, we've been...this has been a wonderful program but now we are in a budget crunch and somebody has to give, I think is sending an erroneous message. I understand too the tremendous difficulty the Appropriations Committee has dealing with these issues. They are tremendous and I think they do a wonderful job with great deliberation, but I think this is one situation where we, as a Legislature, need to show our intent and our support, our advocacy, if you will, for people with disabilities. No better way, absolutely no better way than to support the Dierks amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Lamb, followed by Senators Labeledz, Hillman, Moore, Wehrbein and Warner. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I would call the question, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? There are. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 12 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. Now recognize Senator Labeledz.