

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature, I, too, rise in support of Senator Dierks' amendment and I disagree with Senator Wesely when he says that many of us believe that the food is not as good as it should be in the cafeteria. For a while I thought he was talking about my kitchen, that the food there isn't as good as it should be, but the smile on the faces of those people that are in there for training and the opportunity to do something with their lives overrules any other excuse that you may have for not voting for Senator Dierks' amendment. So I strongly support and urge the members to support Senator Dierks.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labedz. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam Chairman and members, I guess I listened to this conversation. I've not addressed an appropriation bill and wonder how in the future the Appropriations Committee is going to be able to communicate to this body some of the things that went on in the committee and why we make the decisions that we do. Number one, there will be no money lost to this program. It costs them, as we understood it in the Appropriations Committee, \$100,000 to run that program. The income they had from that for a federal match was \$140,000, so they will not lose \$100,000 and the Appropriations Committee appropriated 140,000 to cover what the income was. So in the long run they will be financially better off than they were before, so we are not reducing any funds for this organization. There is no reduction in funding. Secondly, they will not be displaced or lose any opportunities for training. They will be put in other organizations. As I understand it, it will enhance their training because they will be in different places, different opportunities, they will not be cut off from the public. It was in no way, shape or form from the Appropriations side to look at a clientele or a program out there that we didn't want to see in the Capitol. That was never, ever a consideration, it was not thought of at all. What we thought we were doing, and I still think that what we tried to do was to help this program, support this program and so I would oppose the Dierks amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I pushed my no button on the call the question because a number of speakers simply have not accurately portrayed what the committee was trying to do because many people have wrongfully insinuated that