

in finding the match. They did find a suitable match but it was in Europe and it was too far away to make everything transpire as fast as it needed to transpire, and I think Senator Withem needs to be congratulated for bringing this forth and to make people aware, and that's basically what this bill does, is make people aware of it and that there are options. It seems, as life progresses, that we run into more and more complicated areas but also there are solutions to those complications, and if we can make people aware of this, it is there, and as far as the time element, I think most employers would welcome the chance to be able to do this. It is not that great an area that we're going to be taking a hundred people out of their employment or anything at any one given time, but I would wholeheartedly support this and hope that you will do the same thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beyer. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, when I was downstairs in my office, Senator Schimek said nobody on the floor could speak against this bill and I just...I went over and told her that I was not on the floor at the time she said that but I want to assure her that nobody off the floor will speak against it also, if that one off the floor is myself. I'd like to save the rest of the story until later so that I can get her attention. I'm going to support the bill and I think it is a very worthwhile thing that is being propounded here to the Legislature. It's unfortunate that it took the death of the young woman that Senator Withem mentioned and the one that Senator Beyer mentioned to bring us to this point. There are so many times that I will speak on issues that are not of concern to many on this floor because they think those issues will not affect the people that they represent because of their class, in terms of their race, or their income level, so they just kind of push it off. I heard Senator Labedz say what I often say when I'm making an appeal. If it happens to a member of your family, a friend of yours or an acquaintance, then suddenly it takes on significance and meaning. This is one of those issues which, whether it had touched anybody that a senator knew or not, should justifiably be before us, but I wish that we could show this same attitude and concern prior to tragedies occurring, and it makes me go back to LB 130, although we passed it, where there was more concern for people with liquor licenses than putting in place a proposal of law that would go a long way toward protecting some