

rather simple. If you wish to look in your bill book, all we're doing is, on page 3, striking language from lines 6 and 7, essentially. The language that we're striking out is "any agent of an employer, the state or a political subdivision of the state." The reason I believe it's appropriate to strike that language is, of course, the state has already provided for in subsection (b), immediately above it. A political subdivision of the state is not defined. That is a very broad term. It could apply to schools. It can apply to ESUs, technical community colleges, fire districts, cemetery districts, counties, you name it. For everyone else in the bill, there is some sort of a limitation as to the number of employees that would be in one of those organizations before the family leave bill applied. There is no such limitation for political subdivisions. I spoke with Senator Wesely concerning the provision. He said it was simply an oversight and I believe he agrees that that provision should be struck although, if the bill is moved onto Select File, he may come in with an amendment that would put back in place schools or maybe selectively some of the political subdivisions under some employee limitations. But, as the bill stands now, that reference in sub-part (d) is inappropriate.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Those wishing to speak to Senator Wickersham's amendment, Senator Pirsch, did you wish to speak to that? Senator Haberman. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I just would rise in support of the Wickersham amendment. He is correct. I see it as a technical amendment and it will tighten up the bill. I would support the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Anyone else wishing to speak to the amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Wickersham, did you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now vote on the Wickersham amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.