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SENATOR WESELY: And you are trying to get the full amendment voted on?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That would be the effect of my rules change.

SENATOR WESELY: I rise in support of that because, having worked through this with the welfare bill last year, we had an extensive amount of work done in committee on the welfare bill, had a long list of amendments that I thought made the bill better and, had we in place the amendment as being proposed, without the Withem amendment we would never have gotten to getting the bill in the shape that I think the committee wanted and I think the majority of the Legislature wanted. So I support the Withem amendment. I think that's the proper way to go, although I understand why the Rules Committee took a different route. But I would encourage you to vote for the Withem amendment as well.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, when Thomas Jefferson was President of the United States, Alexander Hamilton was very upset and he didn't like Jefferson. He had many friends who were newspaper reporters and editorial writers and they constantly kept up a drumbeat of criticism against Thomas Jefferson. Then Alexander Hamilton started a newspaper and I think it was called the New York Post. It might still exist today. And that newspaper took on certain issues and, behind the editorial shield, Alexander Hamilton was able to get a lot of views, which were negative, expressed against Thomas Jefferson. Now, while this was going on, Spain gave what was known as Louisiana to Napoleon in exchange for Tuscany. Thomas Jefferson and others in this country were fearful because, while still under the control of Spain, the port at New Orleans was closed for usage to the United States. So farmers and others, those who had crops and other things they wanted to bring in or take out, had no access to the sea. While this was going on, there was a fellow named Robert Livingston in France who represented the United States. He didn't hear very well and he couldn't speak French. There was an individual who spoke for Napoleon in France named Charles Talleyrand, and when some of Thomas Jefferson's cabinet members were concerned that Livingston would be no match for Talleyrand because Livingston couldn't even speak French and he didn't hear that well, Thomas