

would like to ask at what point the committee decided to strike this amendment. Is Senator Wesely still here? Senator Wesely, had the committee or any member of it made a determination that this amendment ought to be stricken before a DPI representative stated that?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I don't think in absolute terms but I was a bit concerned about specific reference in statute to the ADA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Had you stated that concern to the committee before this DPI representative asked that the amendment...I meant that this language be stricken?

SENATOR WESELY: No, no, because that came at the hearing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, what it appears is that the hearing was rocking along and nobody had raised an issue or had seen a problem with this reference. To show that it is not a redundancy, Senator Wesely pointed out that the department feared the possibility of liability on the state which may not currently exist. If I misunderstood what Senator Wesely said as to why this amendment should be offered, he will have the opportunity to correct me. But what I'm going to do is ask again that somebody turn on a light and give me some time so that I can continue this discussion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad, followed by Senator Hall, Senator Schmitt and Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, Senator Chambers, I would be more than happy to oblige and turn my light on so that you could continue to discuss this. I would only ask one thing, and I think the body knows fully what took place just a couple seconds ago, where Senator Chambers wants to continue to use his methods of intimidation, especially on an incoming senator, to try to, in some way or another, prohibit me from speaking my mind in the future relative to issues that might be of importance to him. Senator Chambers needs to recognize that I also was elected by approximately 33,000 people to come here and represent them and