

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: Because of that uncertainty, the thought that the specific reference to the ADA and the uncertainty about what exactly that would mean and entail in terms of what services would have to be provided, concerned us. So we thought we would take that aside and move forward with this as a bill to address a specific problem that has specifically been identified that we need to move forward on, and then the rules and regs to implement that would be required. The department didn't even want to do rules and regs on this, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Well, I could understand the department. They testified in a neutral capacity, didn't want to do anything, but it sure seems like there's a number of individuals representing the Commission for the Hearing Impaired, the Department of Ed, League of Human Dignity, and then individuals who testified, you know, that there really was a need...

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR HALL: ...and the department would like to do nothing,...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HALL: ...is what it sounds like how they testified. I mean, it clearly shows that there is a need, just the fact that Senator Crosby brought the bill in, and I applaud her for doing that. The question for me, I guess, is I don't see where...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...get around the problem by this amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR SCHMITT: Madam President and members, I just rise, I'm not sure whether I'm going to support this amendment or oppose it but, in listening to the debate back here, would like to hear more on it and I would give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers. Thank you.