

fundamental things that go into making a society civilized. And the types of legislation which will be brought before us will not enhance civilization. It will be an attempt to make a political statement that will mislead the public into thinking that somehow large amounts of money are being saved and the public is being served. If my very strong support and defense of those groups which cannot help themselves is offensive, then offensive I am, offensive I shall remain. But, in order to get along with people on this floor, I will never bite my tongue. Had Senator Crosby not brought this bill the problems being addressed by it would continue to be ignored. There is always the necessity to have some individual, if the body as a whole is not going to do it, to call our attention to those areas where legislation is necessary and to prevail upon us to enact such legislation. I'm going to support Senator Crosby's bill. Had this amendment not been offered, I would not have even spoken on this bill because I think it has so much merit it can carry itself. I'm not aware that anybody is going to be opposed to the thrust of the bill, but there was an aspect of the committee's activity that I could not ignore and this is my responsibility and I will continue to assume it. This provision is not redundant. It has legal significance and it is a legal significance which would not exist without this language. So I hope there will be enough votes to defeat this committee amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Hall. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a couple of questions, if I may, now that there has been additional discussion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I stepped away from the mike, I was going to see if he would begin to answer before I asked the question but he didn't fall for it. Senator Wesely, if this amendment is left...I meant, if this amendment is defeated, the language is left in the bill and if a state cause of action is created thereby, what did DPI state that it fears from such a state cause of action?

SENATOR WESELY: Actually, I think in their testimony they were rather circumspect about this and just said that they were