

SPEAKER WITHEM: Not to prolong things, we had this discussion this morning on the other bill. Once again, I know that it expresses a concern Senator Wesely had about LB 775. I will not talk about the Maginot line and all of those other sort of things that I addressed this morning. I just...I think Senator Wesely offering this amendment and having the discussion probably does serve a useful purpose in that it does create the expectation out in the business community the Legislature will be watching the impact of this bill. I just don't think it is a very good idea, though, to write this into the state statute, and I will not be voting for it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Any further discussion on the Wesely amendment? Seeing none, Senator Wesely, would you like to close.

SENATOR WESELY: I can tell, this amendment has really stirred debate and interest, and (laughter), but I am going to go ahead with the vote anyway because I do want to make the point that there is an opportunity and a chance to utilize tax incentives to truly attract the kind of jobs that we all talk about; this is a chance to do something about it. And, again, what the amendment says is the jobs, in order to qualify for this break, will have to pay or provide benefits at least equal to \$11 an hour. I would ask for your vote on this, and if you can, I'd appreciate it. I don't expect, obviously, to get very many votes in favor, but when you go back to your district and you talk to them about what the bills do, I think this is going to be an issue and a concern; what kind of jobs are we talking about here? And your answer could be, well, I supported a minimum of \$11 an hour in order to attract those good paying jobs that people have been talking about and promising them, now let's see if they can deliver on them, and I'd like to see that with this amendment. So, with that I'd ask your support for the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 830. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the Wesely amendment to LB 830, have you all voted?

SENATOR WESELY: I will just ask for a record vote.

SENATOR CROSBY: Record, Mr. Clerk.