

clause, would be eligible for the benefit. What may be questionable would be what section of the employees' withholding would be eligible to become wage benefit credits, what would happen to the amount of income withheld from the employees' salary from the time they got here until the effective date of the act. That would be the section that might be in question without the emergency clause. I do not have a direct answer to that. It may be...what we may be sacrificing if we don't pass the emergency clause would be...pass 829 with the emergency clause, would be the amount of withholding on their state income tax between the time that they were here collecting wages in Nebraska and the effective date of the law. So that would remain a question if 829 does not pass with the emergency clause. I would urge people to give the bill a vote with the emergency clause because of that, that window of opportunity. It is not essential, though, for the bill's total impact for the ten years around which the employee wage benefit credit would be in effect. It would just be that little window of opportunity. I hope I have not confused you overly. I know that there were some lobbyists visiting with members about the urgency of getting the emergency clause attached to the bill. I don't think it is an urgent issue. It would be cleaner, though, if it went into effect with the emergency clause on the bill. With that, my motion up there is the traditional return to Select File to strike the enacting clause to give individuals who may wish to discuss the bill an opportunity to do so.

PPRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, members, first off, I want to thank Senator Withem for putting the motion up to allow us to make a couple of comments, and I do want to follow up. He mentioned the situation on the cost-benefit analysis. I did have a follow-up meeting on Friday with Maxine Moul and the Fiscal Office and some others to talk about this whole question of the formula on cost benefit to see if there was some way that we could reach an agreement on that issue. There is some work being done right now by the Department of Economic Development and by the Fiscal Office and some others to try and pull together some models and to see how best to reach agreement on this, but there is, obviously, not time to do that with the legislation up this morning. So as I understand the situation, this morning Maxine Moul came in and talked to my staff and my understanding is that the administration and Speaker Withem have a desire and an interest to deal with the cost-benefit analysis.