

Legislature and ultimately what will be done with this report. It's just another report that will come in with the piles of reports that we have that we hardly get enough time to read now. And it's a recommendation that he could even make verbally to us without putting it into a report. If you're concerned about where the Governor is going on welfare or health care reform, then talk to him. Talk to the Lieutenant Governor. She talks about this. See, I have power! No, you start slamming me about the Catholics and...no, and I have never...that's the first reference I have made to religion on the floor of the Legislature, I'll have you know. But you can talk to the Lieutenant Governor. I've heard her. She's gone to groups out there and talked about this issue. It's something that's being accomplished. I hope you will support me in taking this language out because it's language that, if nothing else, is not necessary to the welfare reform bill. It's language that really duplicates what's already being done but puts it...boxes it into having a time frame and having a report done. It will cost money and I hope that you will see that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...even though I have a different view of leaving the \$6 million possibly in the private sector or allowing market reform to work in the health care industry, and others might want to have more government involvement in that, we have differences on this issue, but it's not something, I think, that will affect the final discussion or the final vote on welfare reform. We need to get to the welfare reform. This is unnecessary language and I hope that the people will support me in striking this language from this committee amendment. If it was so important to some people, it should have been in the bill and it was not. It wasn't...we didn't put it in last year. I don't think we should put it in this year, and I hope people will support me on striking Section 14, on page 5 of the committee amendment from the bill. And I will just wait to get everybody to the floor.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The question before the body is the adoption of the Witek amendment to the committee amendments to LB 455. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

SENATOR WITEK: And I would like a record vote of that, please.