

just naturally assume that government is going to step in and take over for child care expenses for individuals, and we should just extract the money from the taxpayers in order to do this, and I disagree with that. This is a possibly 12 million dollar change here, nobody can give a solid estimate because nobody has the exact figures, but it's millions of dollars, regardless, that you're being asked to change and to spend here, the possibility, if appropriations should do so at the direction of this. And if they don't, then we don't need this language. If this is already being done in the appropriations process then we don't need this language and we don't need to change it, and I guess that's where I stand now; it's something we don't need, we might as well strike the language from this amendment, and I hope you'll support me in doing so with this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The question before you 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. Have you all voted? Please record. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1594 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 16 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Witek amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Senator Witek would move to amend. (Witek amendment, AM1563, appears on page 1594 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, this is my last amendment although I do have some other concerns with the committee amendment. This is my last prepared amendment and it deals with, on the last page, page 7 of the committee amendment, on line 2 and 3, it states that in the green copy of the bill, on page 14, line 15, after the comma insert "postsecondary education". And that area of the bill reads, "Education shall"...we're talking about, under the self-sufficiency contract developed in this bill, that the individual who is on the contract, the principal wage earner, and other nonexempt members of the applicant's family shall be required to participate in one or more of the following, education, job skills training, work experience, job search or