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SENATOR WESELY: I'll tell you the truth, I think it's actually more restrictive.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: I'm a little concerned about the amendment. (Laugh.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That was where I was going to go for if it...that's what I'm a little concerned as well.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I know...I know where it's coming from, but mental illness is a broad...it can be acute, it can be chronic.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR WESELY: This says, "severe, persistent, disabling". I mean I don't know, this is the first I've seen this language and it's a change in definition that would seem to me to be narrower nor broader.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, and it's because of that, and again given the time that we have, I don't have time to draft an amendment. In fact I'm not sure what amendment to draft. Whether it maybe would be to strike lines 1 through 3. But it appears, Senator Robak, to me that this will be much more restrictive, and what we're trying to do is expand the number of dollars to do that. Maybe I'll punch on my light here again because I know my time is about up, and we'll see where we go on this one.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend Senator Robak's amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, I guess I would withdraw that amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It's withdrawn. Senator Beutler, your light is next to speak to the Robak amendment. Senator Robak.