

have to look at the long term and what the best...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...public policy is for this state and for this country. If I were doing motor voter and waving a magic wand, I probably wouldn't have included the agency voting, although it has merit, but that part of it is more expensive than simply the driver or the motor voter portion of it, the actual registration at the motor vehicle licensing places, but that's not what the federal law says so we implemented what we had to implement. And I'm not sorry, I think that...that the figures that have been coming in have been very positive about registration. So I guess, in conclusion, I would just urge you to vote against this amendment. All you're doing here is saying to these public employees, well, yeah, you still have to implement motor voter but we're not going to give you any money to do it with. That's not right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to Senator Witek's amendment, but I would like to ask her a question or two about it.

SENATOR WITEK: I'm so surprised. I don't know if I can speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I think you can. I know you and you can do it. Senator Witek, your amendment goes beyond just motor voter activities if it's on the orange sheet.

SENATOR WITEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so it's...there's no indication that the cuts from these other agencies have anything to do with motor voter.

SENATOR WITEK: There is. We specifically asked fiscal to find out where those monies had gone and this is what fiscal gave us. This is not out of my office, this is out of the fiscal office.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, did they tell you how DPI is affected by it? I'm asking out of curiosity now because I wasn't aware of these things.