

just had to get that in on Senator Bud because I don't want anybody to feel...

SENATOR HALL. One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that because you suffer a loss you should quit. And I'm going to tell Bud to go back to that old, old song, which I'm sure he's familiar with, it came from one of those Broadway shows, I think, pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again. And if you have my attitude, Senator Robinson, you will learn from your defeat and you're likely to achieve the next time. But if you adopt that old defeatist attitude, all you will do is lose, lose, lose, but I know that that is not your way and I just thought I would try to perk you up a little bit this morning.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein, your light is next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be very brief. Senator Robinson, I did want to correct what I said about the 17 million. That is not in our spending budget at this time. What we have as a percent of increase is what is proposed in the spending, anything we spend in the 17 million will increase the percent of increase in spending, if, but at this point it is not, of course, but beyond that it will. The other thing I want to say is I would support this but it's not the proper place to do it. We have to have the statute changes to go with this. Once again, the Appropriations Committee has funded the agencies for this reason. They are mandated to do it. There is a lot of paper work about it, Senator Chambers, that's why you see much of it in Social Services because that's where the contacts are. I understand they must ask almost continuously, monthly as to whether they have registered, I mean, the paper work and red tape on this is overwhelming, as we understand it. And so the need for this money in most of the agencies is justified. However, taking this money out at this point simply punishes the agencies and no one else. And so I have to support...not support the amendment at this point but I would support something in the future if there was something that was to be done. Once again, I think that would have to go through the Government Affairs Committee. If this body decided not to do that and there was a bill accordingly, I would certainly look at that. But, at this point, I don't think we can legitimately take the money out and I would recommend that we do not.