

from what you said that probably, and most probably the funding won't be there if it isn't the budget. Would that be a fair statement?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's the way Senator Brashear presented it. I take that for his word, I did not check that specifically.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, we'll...I guess we'll advance this or pursue this on that level, and if we find out it is otherwise, then we will have to wonder why. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Bernard Stevens would like to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 7 fifth through eighth graders here from Biady Public School, with their teachers. They are under the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President. I wonder if I could speak with Senator Wesely a minute over the microphone here.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Wesely, this amendment, as I understand it, will strike some of the funding for the nurse incentive program, is that right?

SENATOR WESELY: That's already been deleted.

SENATOR DIERKS: It has been deleted.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, under the budget that's before us. They had already cut that funding.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, how about that. I had missed that. What funding was that?

SENATOR WESELY: I am not sure. All I was told was that they had cut the 60,000. Well, the Health Department said something like they didn't think they needed the 60,000 in the one, they wanted it transferred to trauma. They cut under the budget but they didn't transfer. That's why, this is the second half of