

Likewise, the business community is looking for workers. I mean, we've heard time and again the lack of individuals to be hired by businesses in the state, our low employment. It makes absolutely no sense to anybody in the state that realizes we've got this mutual problem of people looking for work and businesses looking for people to hire and we haven't matched them up. There should be a way to do it. The roundtable's intent is to continue that effort, to bring those two sides together and this would...this amendment would continue their efforts and, hopefully, provide for greater success in the future. I would be happy to answer any questions but I do hope you will support this amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Your light's on next. Senator Wesely waives off. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members...Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, as I tried to coordinate the amendment that is being offered with the E & R amendments, I arrive at a question. Senator Wesely, do you have a copy of your E & R amendments? I can show you mine, and I assure you mine are the same as yours. Page 8, lines 1 through 9, as a start. Now do you see that that language deals with the Governor's Roundtable? What is this material that we're considering in the amendment that's being offered? How does that differ or add...differ from or add to what is currently in the committee amendment?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: The language referred to by Senator Chambers is from the bill we passed last year. It was established to do a number of things last year, including looking at jobs, tax incentives, unemployment comp, education, training, all of those things, and they did start to study some of those. And they did present a report to the Governor and the Legislature last year, in 1994. However, the report was...we did hold a hearing. We did look at the report. It was woefully inadequate. With the time that they had on this, the effort was not what they wanted it to do, was not what we wanted them to do, and so that section referred to by Senator Chambers is old language. We put in new language that requires the Roundtable, Governor's Roundtable, to continue, lists out the things that we ask them to do. We are looking at the job market, that's one of the things that they started on, but the Labor Department, well, actually we will be