

work with the roundtable. It says that the depart...that the roundtable shall work in conjunction with these outfits, but these outfits may not want to work...do anything with the roundtable. So to me, if it is deemed important enough that this work be done, and I think the work is important, if it is really done at a level where something of value will result from it, we should require the cooperation of these departments and agencies so that the expertise they can bring to the roundtable, which consists of volunteers, would be available. Right now, as I read it, the Governor will convene this roundtable and ask for volunteers from the business industry, labor, and governmental sectors, but everybody will be a volunteer, as well as former, current and former welfare recipients. Maybe if we just leave it voluntary, it will work, but to me, that is not good enough. The keystone to all of what we're talking about in this so-called welfare reform is having people move from dependency to a living wage job. Those jobs, currently, have not been identified, and this roundtable is supposed to do some work in that area. If everything is voluntary, we may get this portion of the job done and we may not. I think it is probable we would not. So at a minimum, it seems to me that we should craft some language that would require the University of Nebraska, the Department of Economic Development, the State Department of Education, the Departments of Labor, Revenue, and Social Services to participate, and I don't know whether we'd have to say at what level this participation would occur, meaning that we would say the director shall designate the Board of Regents or the president or the chancellor shall designate, and if we are talking about community colleges, have somebody who will designate, but put mandatory language so that we require some chief executive officer, however that person is designated, whether the director of a department, a chancellor of a university, or president, or whatever, to assign somebody from their area to work with the roundtable. That's the question I would ask Senator Wesely. Do you think some language like that ought to be considered?

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SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I have listened to Senator Chambers, and I have up there an amendment that I think will take care of some of his concerns. So,...