

voted for 1224 last year, you voted for this, and we are asking that the job that was supposed to be done last year get done this next year. That's all that is being done. It is not the end of the world. It's not going to end up with a crisis. You voted for it last year and the world didn't end. It won't end this time, but the fact is that we need to look at the issues. We have to consider them. Also the point about that what do jobs and what does this whole issue have to do with welfare reform? Welfare reform is trying to find jobs for people. It is trying to get individuals who are on welfare to have the training and ability to take work, to work on the jobs that we have available, to understand that the business community has openings, is looking for workers, and we can't find enough individuals, so we're importing them. I can talk about out of Miami that we are sending individuals up there to Lincoln because we can't find enough people in Lincoln to take jobs that are paying 5, 6, 7 dollars and more an hour, to begin with, and better wages as time goes on. We are desperately in need of more workers in the State of Nebraska. We have people that are desperately seeking jobs. Why we can't match those up is unbelievable to me. Having the work done by the Labor Department will help us accomplish that. So despite those who may be cynics and critics, I think that this is, in fact, a necessary step. I think others who voted for the bill last year recognizes this as well. I'd ask for your support for it this year as well. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next. Are you speechless?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this on an amendment that I have up there?

SENATOR LINDSAY: This would be on the Chambers amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, this is a second amendment that I am offering. To show you all how difficult a time I have, even on an amendment which winds up being adopted, all I did with the last one was put in a date. And Senator Witek spoke against...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: We are still on the same first amendment.