

Your light was just the next light that was on. Senator Chambers waives off. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I just wanted to mention to Senator Wesely that, no, I had not voted for the Welfare Reform Act last year, and will more than likely not vote for the Welfare Reform Act this year. It's a misnomer, and if we actually do any really what I consider good welfare reform, I would vote for that. But, regardless of that, the language that we are dealing with here talks about instructing the Department of Labor to study and make recommendations on adjusting the minimum wage. If you made the mistake of voting for this language last year, here you have an opportunity, with the division of the question, to vote against it, if you are against it, because it is not what they are talking about. Senator Wesely and Senator Abboud are talking about jobs and all these other programs that we have here in Nebraska. The language in this section of the amendment says the Department of Labor shall study and make recommendations on adjusting the minimum wage in Nebraska. That's what it says, to account for increases in the cost of living. So you know they are going to adjust it up on the minimum wage, and make recommendations to adjust it, and it is not the place for the Legislature and go ahead and make recommendations to adjust the minimum wage in Nebraska. We're not in the market, we're in the Legislature. We're not in business, we're in the Legislature, and these aren't the types of things that I think the Legislature should be doing, and should be involved in. So that's why I am opposed to this section of the amendment. I didn't vote for it last year. I won't vote for it this year, and I won't vote for the Chambers amendment because it is only a change, it puts a date certain in, it doesn't change any of the language in this portion of the amendment, and I hope people who did vote for it last year, and who don't necessarily support this section, will vote against it while they have the opportunity during this division of the question, to vote against this kind of language if they agree that the Legislature doesn't need to be affecting the minimum wage in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Question.

SENATOR LINDSAY: That won't be necessary, Senator Will. Yours is the last light. Senator Chambers, to close on your