

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, okay.

SENATOR HALL: What I'm striking out is on page...top of page 7, "or due to the termination of a benefits period".

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: That's what comes out. Okay. And then again the same language down on page (sic) 24, of page 7, "or due to the termination of a benefits period". So, in other words, if the individual who is the recipient of the benefits, whether they be general assistance or medical assistance, if they did something that caused them to no longer receive those benefits or didn't do something they were required to by the state, so they were made...they made themselves ineligible at the state level, they couldn't then run to the county and say, okay, pick me up, you've got to pick up my benefits. What we do is we take out the trigger that was the termination of the benefit period which was the major concern, I know, for most folks who were opposed to the amendment, but it still says that you're basically in charge of your own destiny to a certain degree.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, thank you, Senator Hall. With what I had down here, I couldn't see where it was doing any good, so thank you.

SENATOR HALL: I hope it eased your mind, ice and all.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Wesely, your light is next. Senator Janssen, your light is next. Is there any further discussion to the Hall amendments? Seeing none, Senator Hall, to close.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, and members, again, I would like to thank Senator Wesely and Senator Chambers and Senator Bohlke who allowed us to offer this amendment, as I believe it's the last one pending. It does, I think, solve a problem that the counties see out there for individuals who have made themselves ineligible for state benefits. With this change we can come back and address the termination of benefit periods at a later date. I would urge adoption of the amendment.