

one of these possible components to be added and vote accordingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, I appreciate Senator Maurstad's comments, I appreciate Senator Wehrbein's. They are both saying that, basically, there is good reason for this having been in the original budget, and it is a matter of how much we can do in determining whether or not this is supported. But I want to go back again to the Voc Rehab just to follow up, because Senator Bernard-Stevens made an excellent point, that on special ed, as we are trying to cut back there, this is the program that can take people now in special ed, move them out and move them into jobs, and reduce costs in the special ed program and serve these people well. But the sort of impact there is also duplicated in welfare. One of the things we heard on the welfare reform was that there was Vocational Rehabilitation that was providing the job training for some of these people on welfare to allow them to get off of welfare. So, clearly, it is a factor there. In addition, the bill we passed in '91 which requires at the age of 21 that people transition out of special education and will get services in the community, again Vocational Rehabilitation can be there to cut the cost of providing that by giving these people training and giving them jobs and using that federal dollar. So, to me, not only do you get the federal match, the extra \$2.8 million, but then you turn around and put it in the right places, you will have tremendous savings in terms of state expenditures in special education, in welfare, and in the developmental disability services that we will be providing. So I see that as one of the big plus winners that we can do of all the issues that are before us. So, again, I reemphasize, that is all I want to say is to make that point one more time that this is the best money spent that I think we can get not only for the federal match, but in the areas it's spent, it will save us money in other programs. So I support the effort. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, when I began offering my motions, I gave it as my purpose and intent to have a discussion of each of the items contained in the Appropriations Committee's package. One of the reasons I