

SPEAKER WITHEM: There is no necessity. It's like these other resolutions where we are, you know, indicating our support for a process. It could happen without. I think there is a feeling among the people that support this, if the Legislature were to pass a resolution, then our Nebraska delegation would go to this conference. The department would be more likely to send them and when they went they would have more support behind them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the purpose of this, Senator Withem, to put some heat on the department to have them authorize and pay for somebody from the department to go? Or would that be done even without this resolution, if you know.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The information I have is they're planning on it anyway. They're planning on sending someone anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will...if our only statement is what we say in this resolution, will it give the impression, if we adopt it, that we're endorsing whatever these people from the department say and that they're emissaries of the Legislature as well as the Department of Social Services?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That would not be my intention, no. It would not be my intention that by adopting this resolution that we are supporting any particular policy, policy perspective.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Withem, I hope you will allow me to ask you these questions so I won't have to hunt through this. What becomes of this resolution should it be adopted? Where will it go, or to whom will it be sent?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I need to get a specific copy of that resolution in front of me, so I can look through the book then as...there is no specification as to where it would go, so it would go to the department...I...it would be my intention the Department of Social Services would receive a copy of it, but it does not have the clause associated with it, as some do sometimes, that it will go to A, B, C and D personnel.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there is no direction of any kind in the resolution as to what should become of it?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do we know what use would be made of it