

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, I rise kind of like Senator Crosby does. I'm not sure that I have a whole lot to add to this discussion, but I can't help but reflect on the fact that there are people in this body who have dealt with these issues many times and I'm primarily referring to the Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee. Until I got on that committee this year, I did not realize the institutional knowledge that Senator Wesely has on these issues. And I, and I do trust him to a certain degree to recognize the similarities between this and other issues that have been dealt with in the past. And as he says, all the scare stories that we hear ahead of time have never ever turned out to be true and we've never had those kinds of repercussions. Senator Crosby, I'm not certain that we have the expertise or the knowledge to be making these decisions either, but on the other hand, not making a decision is a decision too. So I think that unless we can get these two bodies to agree, to some extent we're responsible. And as for the geography that you mentioned, it would be, it would be nice if we could do what you suggested, and maybe we could, but I think it would be very difficult because you're talking about rearranging people's lives and that's not always possible to do. So sometimes we have to let nature take its course, if we will. I am supporting the amendment to the amendment that Senator Withem has introduced, and I don't have any qualms about doing that. I do believe that even if this doesn't pass that there will, that there has been progress made on this issue because way back at the beginning of last year there didn't seem to be agreement after that bill came under...out of the committee, there didn't seem to be any way to get these two sides together. So there has been some progress. And if that's, if that's what we make this year, then that's good. But I would very much like to see this amendment adopted. And with that, Senator Janssen, I think, would like to ask Senator Wesely maybe a question or two. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you, Senator Schimek, I'll just take a minute. Senator Wesely, would you help me out on something here?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wesely.