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year. So bottom line, front line, Senator Crosby's has asked about this, and others have asked about this. The idea is to maintain the services, to keep people getting the services and the casework. But where they are having to do things over and over again, stop that, get rid of that. And so that will be the eventual goal that we'll attempt to achieve. But it won't happen with this bill. It will have to take follow-up merger of...see, what we do with this is take all these programs and services that are in statute, we don't change anything, we just put them all under the right agency. And then the next step is trying to get all the workers lined up and the services integrated together so we can do what you suggested in terms of not duplicating any longer.

SENATOR JONES: Another question is I heard before that there might be four or five different computer programs that are involved in this.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR JONES: How will this help on that, or is that going to be the same way as the caseload workers?

SENATOR WESELY: You know that's exact...that's a very excellent point, because we need to take the computers that we have and get them up to speed to a point where you don't have to enter the data four or five times. You probably heard that from Don Leuenberg r,...

SENATOR JONES: Um-hum.

SENATOR WESELY: ..that you come in, you sit down, you tell somebody a story, and they say, well, we're not the one you need to talk to, you got to go down the street. And in your case they have to maybe drive a heck of a long way to go to the next stop. That makes no sense. If we developed the computer system as it should be, you should be able to go, my thinking on this is eventually go one place, hopefully as near as possible to your home, sit down, tell your story, what your income is and your status and your needs and whatever, and then they can sit down with that computer and say, here's what you qualify for, and work out with the service delivery to get that done for you, and that's it. That's your one stop and that's your last stop to get the system to respond to whatever your problem is.