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couldn't we just pick a good citizen out there to be on this board? As I read it, what...well, it says broad-based leadership, expertise and diversity. I could see where you might have...you may not have...a person may not have a lot of expertise but he could be a very good member of this council. I mean I guess I have a problem with picking people that all being heads of organizations that come down and lobby for their...they come to your committee all the time. I guess I have a problem with that. I think...I think we should designate people that, you know, they don't have a vested interest in it, and I have a problem with that.

SENATOR WESELY: Actually, if you don't mind, Senator Robinson, your thinking on that is exactly what the thinking is I think of myself and I know in conversations that I've had with the administration what they think. They would like to change the dynamics from having...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...each and every interest group having a slot to one where we have a partnership with the system that includes advocates for some groups, sure, some providers, but the public, the community leaders, the church leaders, maybe the city council, or the mayors. Whoever can fit together and help us achieve a partnership would be looked at, and so there is an evolution of thinking here. You are exactly on target.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Are you going to have an amendment on that?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I think...I think really this does accomplish that but we can be more specific, if you'd like to.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I'll visit with you. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. Let me indicate, first of all, that as it currently is, I am going to support 1044, and that way maybe my comments will be taken from a constructive perspective and not intended to be argumentative. I do have some concerns, such as Senator Dierks has expressed,