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that need it in our state. So I would ask the membership to take a moment, as we get started, and take a good look at this particular section, Section 10, and support my amendment to the amendment, that we can then proceed with the balance of the bill. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers, followed by Jensen, Cudaback, Robinson, Wehrbein, Wesely, and Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, generally when the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee speaks, there is a tendency to feel that this is going to be some dry conversation about numbers and it might not be the easiest thing in the world to pay attention and follow, but he had made some very significant comments the other day with reference to Senator Maurstad's amendment, and I agree with his contention that this may be the most important part of the bill. I think whenever we're going to undertake a sincere and serious effort to address a broad problem, we ought to start with the best information that we can get. Considering the fact that in other programs that exist now, programs that will be created in the future, we know there will be what some of us consider wastage of money. The relatively piddling amount that will be involved in retaining the language that Senator Maurstad is trying to strike is really inconsequential and I believe it would be some of the best spent money that we will have the opportunity to deal with this session. There is not a lot that can be said by way of explaining what this committee is going to do because to read the references to it in the bill will let you know what the purpose is. I don't know why anybody would be opposed to our obtaining information, and in the context of this bill, things will not be done piecemeal where somebody in sector A comes up with something, somebody else in sector B comes up with something, then somebody in sectors running through the rest of the alphabet will come up with other things, some of which may overlap, some of which may conflict, some of which may agree, and then there would have to be the pulling together of a group anyway to try to sift through this miscellany and arrive at some things on which there may be a consensus. I think what this bill offers is a reasoned, logical approach. There may be some aspects of the bill that should be fine-tuned, if that term is appropriate, such as determining the makeup of this committee. Senator Withem has an amendment which

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