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SENATOR WESELY: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You shocked me, George. Mr. President, members of the body, I have several questions for you, Senator Wesely, if you could respond.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wesely, would you respond please.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Did you delete Section 11? Did you take that...in the hearing it was, someone from my district...

SENATOR WESELY: Actually, Senator Robinson, you're exactly right. At the hearing we had opposition to Section 11. What that did was require for every change locally that there be a fiscal impact statement. We put that...we took that out as a requirement and that will be among the topics that will be looked at in this study by the task force. So, yes, with the committee amendments, that section's taken out.

SENATOR ROBINSON: If this bill would pass the way it is, what power would...would this group have over local entities, like counties and cities and so forth? Could they force counties and cities to do something they don't want to do?

SENATOR WESELY: No. The task force we're talking about?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: No, they're nothing more than a study group that will make recommendations. They have no power.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, would their recommendations develop into any...

SENATOR WESELY: Well, they could make recommendations. Obviously, that's what we'd like to hear from them, but all that would require us, as a Legislature, to respond to. There would be no power...