

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, I see what you're saying. Well, the council doesn't exist now, so you're right about that, um-huh.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes So actually they would probably go from about five to, and I think that council is supposed to have from possibly seven to fifteen members.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR STUHR: So we could actually end up with maybe eighteen political appointments, somewhere along there?

SENATOR WESELY: But you're mixing apples and oranges. One are employees that are hired and are paid and do jobs, the other is a council, an advisory council. They're very different creatures, so I don't think you can equate the same status with them.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. I guess, would it be really difficult if we just stuck with the number that we are talking about now and supporting Senator Witek's amendment of fifteen, and then when we get back, when we're really redesigning the entire structure, if more were needed, that we could adjust that number at that time?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, if for... We can adjust it any time we want to. If we go up to thirty and we don't like it, we can always take it away, too. I mean you can argue both ways on that.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR STUHR: I guess, again, I really am concerned about the increased cost that we are talking with the additional number of people that we will be talking about, raising that number from fifteen to thirty at this time, because I think we have a lot of work to do in the restructuring of this entire system. So again, I think the concern of costs, also the concern of the fiscal savings, so I will be supporting Senator Witek's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Witek.