

with...down to five, you know, layers of management. I think that's deep enough into the positions right now. I don't know why we have to add twice the management, take away from...we have no idea where these decisions will be made, because they'll be made by the director. So at this time you're voting for something that you don't know what effect it's going to have on these agencies, and yet someone is out there telling you that it's going to be more efficient and more effective. So I fail to see how there's any logical argument for increasing...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...these positions at this time, other than they want an opportunity to have fifteen more good paying jobs on the line here, so they can put people in these positions. I think I would rather go with what we have now, I think it's very flexible, I think it's flexible enough. You're going to be in quite a large upheaval with this concept and this restructuring movement that is suggested in 1044. I don't think we need to throw fifteen more positions into the mix and fifteen more political appointees and fifteen more opportunities to adjust the budgets of these areas in however they choose to do so. So I hope you would think seriously about adopting my amendment and leaving it the way it is right now. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Witek to close on her amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. What my amendment does is simply change, on page 36 of the bill, it changes, on line 13, the exemptions from "thirty" positions to "fifteen". Right now we can make this adjustment at any time that we should see some necessity for doing so. I