

meet and discuss and work together, why should we change it to a situation where they can't do that. And that's the whole point, I think, that we're making here. Senator Withem, in addition, has made the point about, if you carry this logic, if there is any logic to Senator Witek's amendment, further, then why does it not apply to us when we discuss things, why does it not apply to the Supreme Court, and why does it not apply to others? Why you're paying attention, Senator Witek, let me...Senator Witek, can I have your attention for one second,...

SENATOR WITEK: Can.

SENATOR WESELY: ...because you misrepresented the issue of the exempt positions. And let me try to explain, if you'll concentrate for just a minute with me, because you did go to the hearing, you heard this several times before, there is not a new hiring of any additional slots as a result of the going from fifteen to thirty exempt positions. You take current positions and you take them out of the personnel. You do not add new positions, you not hire new staff. You misrepresented that in your last speech in the closing on that last amendment. Please correct yourself on that point.

SENATOR WITEK: So you're taking fifteen union employees, who are now union employees, and telling them...

SENATOR WESELY: They are not union employees.

SENATOR WITEK: ...that if they want to keep their job, they...

SENATOR WESELY: They are not union employees, they are personnel, members of the personnel system.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: So that is not new hiring. So, please...

SENATOR WITEK: So we will not do any new hiring?

SENATOR WESELY: There is not going to be new hiring as a result of the exempt positions, that is not what's allowed for.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, thank you.