

member of the Appropriations Committee, we've brought forward one amendment, we will probably be bringing forward another amendment that we will still be tracking the dollars, we will still be providing the oversight, the financial oversight that is required of us in our elected capacity. But I have already seen a difference in the way that the individuals who are participating in the reorganization of these agencies respond to the Appropriations Committee. It's been a subtle difference, but when they testify, they talk a lot less about turf issues. There's a lot less of, this is my budget, that kind of discussion. And if what we are trying to accomplish is to have a nimbler organization, that is better prepared for block grants and for the possibility of lower federal dollars, then we have to have individuals who are working together, who are less competitive, who are more willing to say that the services, whether those services are provided by my agency or another agency are the things that are important. And I think the only way that we get to that is by having people meet together, work out their differences, be less turf driven, less driven by my budget and my organizational structure. And so I oppose the Witek amendment and I would appreciate if you do also.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I have a question for Senator Witek.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I just caught a little...a few words and you said, power hungry. Who's power hungry?

SENATOR WITEK: Any individual that would think that they should do this without public involvement, to me is, is seeking a power position by putting language like this into this bill. And I don't know who...

SENATOR ROBINSON: You're...

SENATOR WITEK: I don't know who put this bill together.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You're telling me the people that put the