

SENATOR AVERY: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So that should not be a problem, in and of itself. That's all that I wanted to ask you. Members of the Legislature, I am curious as to what opposition could be offered to this proposal that Senator Avery is presenting. Even if it's adopted, I still wouldn't like the bill. But he is trying, I presume, to make it less objectionable, less skewed than it is right now in its present form. But to go back to my approach that I had taken earlier, the fact that so many...so many amendments that have validity, even if the body chooses not to adopt them, can be offered to this bill shows the defects...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that exist, and the need for additional scrutiny before the Legislature moves this bill along or certainly before it would consider enacting it into the law. The only reason I am reluctant to support Senator Avery's amendment is that I'm not interested in trying to make this bad bill any better, because whatever form it takes, it's not going to be a good policy. But if there is some cosmetic tinkering allowed, people will be able to convince themselves that it is not as bad as it really is.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members. I rise in opposition to the...either I've got to get shorter or you've got to get taller, Senator Chambers, or we're going to deal with this static electricity. I rise in opposition to Senator Avery's amendment. I know it's in good faith. I know he's trying to represent the groups involved, but Senator Jensen is on the committee, and others, Senator Vrtiska, you've been on the committee, there are so many advisory groups in health and human services. There are a myriad of them. We have every group that is out there, we attempt to include and involve and have groups with the mental illness. I know we have it on the DED. We have it in children's groups, et cetera, et cetera. We have got already in place places for advocates for recipients of services. None of that changes. All of that stays. What we're trying to do with this partnership council is lift above, not