

amendment, and would like to ask Senator Wesely a question, but I don't see Senator Wesely, here he is.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wesely, when you were talking and discussing this proposition, you discussed about the various committees who have been put together to help be a part of this whole process that we're now embarking on, and Senator Avery come up with the idea of, I guess, as I understand it, is narrowing it down so that there aren't all these various committees dealing with the different issues, is that correct, like we have had in the past? I guess my question is, obviously, you oppose the idea, and I am not too sure where I am at. I guess I need a little direction. You oppose it from the standpoint you think that the people who are appointed on these various committees to work with these various agencies have more expertise in dealing with the issue and narrow it down to that point, or what's your real objections?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, first, Senator Vrtiska, you may think that the amendment repeals all those boards and commissions that I was mentioning. It doesn't. It adds a new one. I mean, well, not...we already have this new one, but it adds the specifics in here, so we have all those additional 70 or 80 different boards and commissions already in the system continuing. Now this one will have slots assigned to it in the areas that are already covered by other agencies. So my objection is we need to include advocates and recipients of services, but this takes the 15, and 11 slots are already accounted for, so where are the community leaders? Where do we get them involved?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I understand that, and I don't disagree with you on that. I guess the point I was trying to bring out is we do have a lot of various committees and committee members and people who are working in the various areas, and my question comes up mainly because, and as I look at this, mainly my question comes up is because are they, in fact, the various committees because we are trying to combine a number of agencies and narrow it down, are these...will these agencies be able to communicate with each other and be able to reach a common goal, or are they all going to be separated out there like has been in the past, and that's the kind of question that I have?