

different context. But in this one we obviously want to get a broad, as broad a cross-section of this state in perspective as we can, to help pull together this system. And the Partnership Council, with 15 members, has to be diverse. If you start repeating, very quickly you are not going to cover the different interests that people have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if it means to have broad-based representation from across the state, why don't they just say that?

SENATOR WESELY: There is broad... Well, broad-based leadership is one thing that they use here. But...I think that diversity also mean, obviously you want viewpoints from minorities and women and different perspectives, recipients, providers of services. So diversity can mean a lot of things.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But since none of those things are mentioned, it's...there's nothing in this bill to really indicate that what you just said is what that word means. And as you pointed out, it can mean different things to different people. Do you agree with that?

SENATOR WESELY: Certainly that's true, that's true. And I think the drafters, as drafters we were trying to make sure that we were inclusionary and that nobody was excluded. There was no intent to have distinguished end up in that regard as well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, what other issue has been deemed to be so important to this Legislature or to the drafters of the constitution where the word "distinguished" is used as one of the qualifications for consideration?

SENATOR WESELY: You know, I...I'm not sure where it is, in fact. I know it isn't there for the Legislature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, my job is to educate and education can be a painful experience. And if it's painful, that's tough. If people don't like it, that's tough. But I'm going to do my job while I'm here. I wish you all would like it, I don't expect you all to like it, and I don't care whether you like it or not. I'm not going to be cheesing up to people on this floor or off this floor. I've seen too much perfidy, I've seen too much dishonesty, I've seen people out