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LB 1044

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The question before the body is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LB 1044. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senators Wesely and Dierks amendment to Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend. (See FA523 on page 1143 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers to open on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this amendment would be found, if you are following, in line 4 of Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment, and after the word "programs", I would insert the words "for the sole purpose of." We would then have the language of his amendment reading as it is now, without going into Senator Wesely's and Senator Dierks's amendment, nothing would prohibit the sharing of information among programs for the sole purpose of delivering services to individuals in order to provide the coordinated services to such individuals. I talked over the amendment with Senators Bernard-Stevens and Wesely, and the purpose of this amendment is to make sure that whatever information is exchanged, and now we have the further assurance of the recently adopted amendment with reference to confidential information, that there is not going to be just a willy-nilly passing back and forth of confidential information. There has to be a purpose, and since Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment is talking about the specific area of delivery of services to individuals, this exchange of information that is being authorized would have to be for the sole purpose of dealing with the delivery of services to those individuals. Even though the amendment has been agreed to, I wanted something in the record to make it clear what is being offered, why I'm offering it, and to furthermore invite any questions that you may have.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Madam President, I rise to support the