

do now. The whole idea of the legislation is, you change around, in terms of designations and what have you, the hierarchy of these agencies. But the bottom line of the structure and the programs beneath it all remains the same and the powers are not transferred from one branch to the other, that remains as it is now. This tips the balance...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...away from what I think is common sense to one in which we could be embroiled for weeks next session, try to determine things that we really don't want to spend our time on. We need to take a different role in this operation. So I rise in opposition to the Avery amendment. I don't think we need it and I'd ask your opposition to it as well.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud waives off. I see no further lights. Mr. Withem, I don't know what happened to your light.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I'm sorry, I must have hit the wrong one when I turned the Page light off. Yes, Madam President, I would like to address this. I was hoping to get a better sense of what was expected by this with my questions a few moments ago. And what I've concluded is, I wasn't likely to support it anyway, but I'm certainly not going to support it now because it just doesn't...it appears as though what we're doing is we're telling a future Legislature that you have to take a vote, which I don't think we can do anyway. We can't tell next year's Legislature that they will vote to approve or to disapprove. We can't bind a future Legislature. And if they vote to approve, that will be, that will be fine. If they vote to disapprove, we don't know what that will mean other than it will be another piece of information for those working on the plan in the implementation to consider. I think there will be ample opportunities, as Senator Wesely's indicated, for us to deal with this issue through more precise implementing statutes that take place. So I don't see that this adds anything. You know, conceptually what Senator Avery wants to do is have the Legislature involved next year so that those of us that are elected to set the public policy for the state will be in a position to impact upon this decision. And I agree with that. I think we should be. And I think we will be. I don't see...but not through this mechanism. This mechanism here