

amendment, or introduce another one to replace it. And I think that's being passed around. It really still states that...and I'll read it. On page 2, after line 14, after the period insert "The Legislature finds that one purpose of this legislative bill is to reduce the size of state personnel and reduce state expenditures with a focus on local control and which considers privatization of services." And, of course, that was my main intent. Then, to follow up, on page 5, line 17, strike the second "and" and in line 19, after "service" insert "and" and then it would be subsection 11, "One in which state government will serve as a facilitator and promoter of health and human services and not necessarily as a direct provider of such services and with consideration given to privatization". We already do have some privatization. Of course, your managed care is privatization...is private. But this would, still, I think, take care of the intent that I originally wanted in the amendment, wanted in the bill, and still allows...still trying to shake a cold. But does clean up some of the language that we did have in there that in the noon hour developed in some problems. If there's any questions I'd be glad to answer them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Jensen's all choked up this afternoon, but I got all choked up this morning when I figured out what all was going on with the bill. But I want to tell Senator Jensen, I really appreciate his willingness to work on this issue, I truly do. The original draft to the amendment this morning was, I think, farther than I think any of us realized. And what his intent was is what is reflected in this amendment. It puts on the table as we consider the reconsideration, we're going to be looking at downsizing, in terms of employees, we're going to be downsizing in terms of expenditures, and to look at a privatization, all those things are interjected into the bill. They hadn't been before. It is now part of the process with the adoption of this amendment. I think Senator Jensen makes an excellent point. I do rise in support of the Jensen amendment.

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

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of the Jensen amendment. The amendment that we passed this morning, I think, was important because I think without