

amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Abboud, your light is next.

SENATOR ABOUD: Waive off.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I just wanted to visit a little bit with Senator Wesely, if I can. Senator Wesely, we talked just a bit in private and I just wanted to make it for the record.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR VRTISKA: First of all, my old admonition has always been that it's easier to get people to do things because they want to than to force them to do it. And to consolidate with some incentives from the bottom up instead of forcing it from the top down seemed to be a more realistic approach. I just wonder how you...you view this as a way to force people to do things, even though they may not be entirely in accord with you at this point. Do you think there's a possibility that some of the incentives that are put into the present legislation we're trying to get passed would be more palatable than this?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I think if we had the time and the patience, the idea of incentives and the discussion Senator Bohlke had would obviously be the easier route to take. But in the end, with the discussion we're having now of budget cuts and the levy limits, I don't know that we have the time and the luxury to wait for those incentives to work. I think we need to think more radically and quickly about how to reduce costs.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, my other question is, and this has always been an interesting aspect of the whole consolidation issue, and that is, do you really and truly believe that there will be that many savings in the, in the philosophy of and consolidation in some, in some particular situations? I mean I can recognize it in some, but in some of these situations I just can't see that there's going to be the savings that you would seem to imply.