

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, in politics, borrowing ideas or even outright stealing them, as I am in this amendment, I think is all right. I don't think we have any statutes against it. Senator Chambers' amendment was a good one. He withdrew it because people liked it. I liked it and I would like to reoffer it. It's the one that has the local community people involved. He's already passed out a copy of it. So I'd like to move for its adoption.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers on the Wesely amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to refer to some of the things that have been said with reference to comments I made earlier, and I think that those who responded, namely Senator Wehrbein and to some extent Senator Matzke, did not listen closely to what I said. When I talked about the state not doing what it should have done I made specific reference to this so-called welfare reform bill. And what I said is that the punitive aspects of the bill are in place and will be brought to bear. But the aspect that related to the job development, that component was completely dropped. It was not delivered on. No jobs were found. No jobs were pointed to. That was completely left out. But it was an area that those such as myself and others who were concerned about what would happen to these women wanted to focus attention on, and we were given all kind of assurances that there is a jobs round table composed of all these male pillars of the community, magnates of industry and business, who know where the jobs are and will show us in figures where these jobs are and we will know that when these women are bumped off, then they will be able to find a job making a living wage. And when the bill came through, the hypocritical bill, it was enacted and that component was left out because the members of this Legislature don't care. There is no compassion here. So when Senator Wehrbein talks about the state keeping up its part of the bargain, he didn't listen to what I said, and I defy him to successfully challenge the truth of what I said. And the only way he can do it is to show me the work product of this business round table where the jobs were found. But that was not done and he knows it. Maybe he doesn't. Maybe that's one of those bills that he didn't follow as close as some of the others of us did, so he may genuinely think that the state and those who supported that bill delivered what they promised, but which they