

think that the Madam Chairman has indicated that on a number of occasions, that education certainly is a key component to this. That people with skills can find...can find jobs, and there is also a need then, as a result, for jobs for those that are trying to still acquire their skills, or maybe that are unskilled but certainly have the ability to acquire those skills if given the opportunity, and I think everyone of us understands, and I believe it has been brought out earlier that a job is more than a paycheck. Certainly the jobs we hold during the early part of every year is a job that certainly is not dictated by a paycheck. And so those start-up jobs, those jobs that virtually every one of us I am sure began at the bottom of the...bottom of the pecking order, but what it gave us is the opportunity to still be...to have that fulfillment that a job provides each one of us. It provides us for the opportunity to move up that pecking order, and so for those...for those reasons, I oppose the Wesely amendment. I certainly understand why he brings the concerns. Quite frankly, I agree with some of the concerns that he has brought, but as we've indicated at other times, there is a time and a place, and I think that what we need to continue to do or try to do from this point forward on 1368 is focus upon what we are trying to accomplish with what I think is an excellent piece of legislation that Senator Brashear has brought to us. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Before continuing, I would like to direct the Legislature's attention to the north balcony. Senator Coordsen has as his guests today 21 ninth graders from the Friend Public School with their teacher. Would you all stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Our next speaker, Senator Chambers, followed by Wesely, Jensen, and Brashear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I handed around an article that relates to a growing opposition to this UP merge, Union Pacific merger with Southern Pacific, but I want to ask Senator Brashear a question. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear, are you available for a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In determining these jobs, positions, or equivalencies, do they include administrative positions in