

inclined to take the risk. But the way I understand it, and I'm not an attorney, it could go on for...from the beginning when this was first discovered, it could start back when it first started, when it was...before it was discovered, and it could go on here until someone...in the process, we have people that are going to be dying, people that are going to want into the system that can't be in the system, felt they've been denied because of various interpretations of the rules. It just seems like we have to have a point here where a decision is made. And as I've been advised, I guess frankly, that once again that I'm not a lawyer, only the court can properly make that decision. I, too, agree that we cannot legislate it. And I think it has to be a court decision and we have to face up to that and make that decision. And as I started my comments, either way we're going to lose. I think if we do nothing, we run...we're going to perhaps spend, I don't know whether it's going to be millions, but quite a bit for fees. And if we go ahead with this, obviously we're going to start some fees, but at least we will be in control. And that's Senator Wickersham's premise. At least we'll be in control of the suit. We can define what we need to know. Those that are in limbo out there wondering, I sympathize with them. I think that we...some of them misunderstand, I think. I think that we are trying to do them a favor by having this decision made. It's not, at least from my viewpoint, I'm not trying to take any benefits away, whether they are earned or unearned, so to speak. If the court will say that they came in in good faith, that's the way I would like to have it be. But only the court, as I understand, can make that decision. We probably would be inclined to make that decision as a body, but I don't think it carry...I don't think that we can legislate that way. Only the court can make that decision. So from my perspective we have to make the decision. This is a way to be proactive in that decision and we ought to move forward on that basis.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Witek a question or two about her amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Witek, would you respond?

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Chambers.