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Rasmussen as Director of Department of Health and Human Services, and Deb Thomas as the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure Director. The...Jeff Elliott has been appointed to the DHS Finance, but we haven't held a hearing on him yet, so he's the one missing link on that. Did you want to go on to the next, or do we...?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Currently, the matter before us is only the report on 927.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Then I'll stop at that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers to address the confirmation report.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Something that Senator Wesely would use the term "missing link" in connection with this, because I think this whole project is probably something that does not rise to the level of civilization and civilized treatment of people that I would like to see. I'm not going to go into my objections to any specific individual, but because I'm opposed to what this project is, what it is supposed to be doing, and my belief that it is not going to benefit the people who are supposed to be benefitted by these programs, I will vote against the confirmations. There is no way I can vote for them. I'm almost tempted to discuss with Senator Wesely the australopithecines, but I won't do that. But when he talks about "missing link", it kind of starts some juices flowing. However, I hope that Senator Wesely does understand what it is that I have said and why it is that I'm casting a no vote on this confirmation report.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'm sick of...I'm sick that this has happened twice in one day to Senator Chambers and I, but I did want to explain my vote in opposition and in committee to the confirmation of this group of people, and it is amazingly similar to what Senator Chambers has just said, that I have opposed the Partnership Project from its inception. I do not think it will accomplish what many people who voted for it at the time thought it would accomplish. I