

is getting the information so that we can then make, we can then make the political decision. So, I think that it would be foolhardy at this point in the session to take the precedent of saying well it is time to ducky duck again, we can't face the hard ones so we run them back to committee, we go in the back doors. Whether you support or oppose the legislation ultimately, face up to it now, I think that is the proper thing to do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARSH: (No response).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: (No response).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature I will be very brief. First off I echo Senator Cullan's remarks, there is no need to refer back to Public Health and Welfare Committee, which I serve on, this bill to review once again. We took a lot of time with it, we amended it into a form that was acceptable to very much a majority of the committee and we feel good about the legislation and I believe that it is a good step in the right direction. One thought that you ought to be aware of is that the Department of Public Welfare which is as Senator Johnson just mentioned came out with an opposing position now on this bill where in fact they had proposed to the committee to introduce a bill which would allow the use of a consolidated or average standard of need an aid to aged, blind or disabled cases. Which is in effect one-third of the part of the bill that we are discussing at this very moment. So on the right hand the Department of Welfare is saying that this LB 35 is bad news, lets not do it and on the left hand they are saying Public Health and Welfare Committee we need virtually the same thing to deal with this same situation. I would like to ask Senator Johnson if he could explain why this seemingly incongruous situation is arose where on the one hand they oppose this bill and on the other hand seem to support the general concept. Could you answer that question Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I will be happy to respond to your question Senator Wesely. The Nebraska Department of Public Welfare frequently takes inconsistent positions and in my opinion LB 35 because it is the first time the State Legislature literally has addressed the whole subject of need gives the Welfare Department the authority to do that which it would like to do in the bill that it would like the Public Health and Welfare Committee