

and other individuals, it appears to me that the budget of the Legislature may be adequate at this point...

SENATOR LAMB: The call is raised.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you...to sustain the cut we are talking about and maintain the staffing pretty much as it has been. I am not sure about that and Senator Beutler isn't sure either and I am not sure if anybody knows exactly where we are at on it. But the concern I have about the cut in staffing is...and what prompted me to file this motion is that not all senators are created equal. Some of us are more active than others. Some of us have more bills than others and thus there is different levels of staffing need. To have a level of staffing below what would be adequate for an active member of the Legislature is a mistake because it doesn't allow for that recognition of different levels of involvement and it brings us all to the same level of involvement and makes it very difficult for those of us who are active to do the job we intend to do. But because of the budget cuts that we are making elsewhere and because it appears that we have the ability to be flexible in this area, I am going to ask that this motion be withdrawn and that we would see how this works this year and perhaps are able to make an adjustment without having the sort of severe cutbacks that are being contemplated by some. So I would ask at this time that the motion be withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend. Senator, this is a public health education.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. President and members, this cut in funding would eliminate a number of different worthy programs in the Department of Health. In this area the bureau provides community programs in nutrition, maternal and child health, dental health, disease control, community health nursing and community health education. These are the different services provided in this program area. There is no lobby out there lobbying for this amendment. There is only the concern that I have that again we are cutting into a service that is fundamental to our state. We are providing preventive health care services across the state and because of the lack of success on previous amendments despite my great concern about this area, it is pointless to try and bring this to a vote. And because it is getting late in the afternoon, I will ask that this motion be