

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and all that would be the impact absorbed by the people who had been receiving these services.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, these cuts are more than doubled by the federal loss of funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I really don't think that is fair and I don't think it is right, and I believe if you would think it through and really consider it, you would restore this small amount of money, and think of the great amount of good that would be done, and I hope, Senator Nelson is standing there with her arms crossed in that determined posture because she is going to do what I hope she will do and support this amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if she does, then how can we lose. Thank you, Senator Nelson, I mean, members of the Legislature.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, I believe the total loss for '87 and '88 will be \$1,086,000 that we would lose in federal funds. I make that statement to clear that point up. However, I just recalled something that I am not quite sure of, but something in my mind tells me the Social Services Department a couple of years ago made some kind of a change...Senator Wesely, maybe you could help me out on this. Didn't they make some kind of consolidation or change or something like that?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, when the state took over the welfare system which had been a county based system, the state then assumed administration of those programs, and now when we are talking about these county offices closing, those used to be county offices, not state offices in the counties. And there was some consolidation, maybe not a great deal, but some efficiencies were found by having the state system take it over, and so we did have some county offices close down at that time I believe.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, now that you've refreshed my memory on that, Senator Wesely, I do recall now that their reasoning was that they are going to save a considerable amount of money by this, and I believe at that time we brought up the possibility