

by Senator Chambers. (See Chambers amendment (8) as found on page 47 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will withdraw that one.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers. (See Chambers amendment (9) as found on page 47 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It deals with the hearing impaired. I am going to try to remember a verse. It says, "In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance, my head is bloody but unbowed." That was written by a guy whose middle name is my first name, William Ernest Henley, or something like that. Now my head, indeed, figuratively is bloodied but unbowed. However, I read the writing on the wall and I know there is no chance for some of those amendments, but this one relates to the hearing impaired, and I have to ask Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner, on the cut being envisioned here, what will be affected by it?

SENATOR WARNER: For the...according to the agency, the immediate year, that they would be...because there was a change in the director, there is a vacancy savings so there would be...merely reflect that back that the salaries weren't paid for a portion of the year. Annualized, it would be a reduction in the services generally in the amount...that could be a variety of things.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. It could result in a cut in services. A wise man knows when to throw in the towel but sometimes that which appears wise is only apparently wise. Sometimes there is an obligation to push forward and do those things that are difficult, even if there is no immediate chance of success. If Senator Warner had stopped when he said that all this represents is a change in director and some salary was not paid, I would stop, but he said it could down the road affect services. So I have to ask a question. Senator Warner, what kind of services are offered to the hearing impaired that might be affected?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, they have a whole series of activities,