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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Then down under Section 3, a decision has to be made whether the Standing Committee will take a position at a public hearing. Is that decision made by the Standing Committee as a whole? Or is that decision made by the chairperson of the Standing Committee alone?

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It appears to me that the language of Section 3 is not perfectly clear on that intent. It is my intent that the chairperson of the Standing Committee would make that decision, but that's not really very clear from the language.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The next to speak on the bill is Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak on the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of the bill and hope that you will vote for it. I understand some of the concerns that have been expressed but I think Senator Coordsen is right on the target at least with the idea that some legislative branch oversight, the Executive Branch implementation of our policies and legislation, is in order. Let me just tell you the Health and Human Services side of things. We passed a number of bills and are left without further information about when hearings are held and follow-up to that legislation. We do try to follow and track through that but it's a difficult thing to keep on the monitoring side of these issues. So it would be helpful to me, in my capacity as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, to be informed on a regular basis as to when rules and regs are going to be heard and some idea of what's happening over in that area, not that we would always want to interject ourselves or even frequently interject ourselves, but when the occasion called for at least being informed on a regular basis instead of the sporadic basis we're now informed would be valuable and I think would help the whole system of state government to have that interaction. So I very much would support Senator Coordsen's bill.