

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I think we can. We filed it to the amendment because it was simply easier. If I...if there is a problem with the amendment, I can wait and refile with the bill, so far as I know.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I would prefer that if Senator Wehrbein would be willing to do it that fashion. I would withdraw my germaneness request.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein, I think, you know, if I were asked to rule on germaneness of this to the amendment, I probably would have to rule that it's not germane. But I think it has a good chance of being germane to the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right, I'll withdraw it then and...the amendment at that point...this point.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Ask...request permission...

SPEAKER BAACK: ...it is withdrawn. We are now back on the amendment by Senator Peterson. Senator Robinson, did you wish to speak to the Peterson amendment? Senator Peterson, did you wish more time right now?

SENATOR PETERSON: If there's somebody else, let them speak, and then I'll...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen, on the Peterson...Senator Wesely, on the Peterson amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I...I understand the concern of Senator Peterson. But I really am reluctant to pursue the issue at this point. I guess I'd wonder if Senator Peterson wouldn't mind having this amendment come up on Select File, if we could. There are...this is not a simple issue. Several years ago, under the Health and Human Services Committee, we looked at the issue of...of counties providing for space, office space for the Department of Social Services. As you recall, and probably it's been discussed through Senator Moore, when we took over from the counties the then so-called welfare system, we took over the administration and we took over the funding. But the one thing we retained on...as a responsibility of the counties was providing office space,