

SENATOR KELLY: I would have to agree with that statement, however, how fortunate those mothers who are working and making money and are able to take care of their children and they have the privilege of making enough money to pay taxes to help those children who can't help themselves. God Bless those mothers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh is next, Frank Lewis, Nore, Marsh, Murphy and Duis. We are still debating the issue shall LB972 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment. That would be to strike the enacting clause. Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. Chairman, would Senator Dickinson yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson, yeild?

SENATOR DICKINSON: This is not my bill Senator Cavanaugh, but I'll try.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't recall if last year you supported an increase of ADC?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well the record will show whether or not if I did Senator Cavanaugh, that is a seperate issue in my opinion from this bill.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't think that it is a seperate issue and I wish that you would....

SENATOR DICKINSON: Do you want to comitt myself now as to where I stand on increase aid to the dependent children? Are you asking me that?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I was wondering how you voted last year?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I would have to check the record probably myself.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I believe, and I will proceed on my own recollection, but I believe that you opposed an increase in ADC. There was also another bill last year that was extremely attractive to a lot of people who did oppose increasing ADC payments which was Senator Snyder's welfare reform bill which would have mandated that anyone on ADC go to work in order to be eligible for ADC. AT the same time I TOOK no recognition of the practical problems that these people face which is the caring for the children and at the same time seeking to attain a reasonable level of livelihood and that is what the bill is directed towards doing, of allowing people at the bottom spectrum of our economy to go out and attempt to improve themselves in the job market and have some assurance that their children will be reasonably well cared for in the process. It is not directed at the state taking over the rearing and raising of children a as a matter of mandate or state responsibility. But simply providing a means for those people who sincerely wish to improve their own social and economic situation and the opportunity to do that and at the same time have their children receive reasonably good care in the process. I think that this bill should be passed and Senator Carpenter and Kelly should be commended for proceeding in this direction.

PRESIDENT: Next to Speak is Senator Frank Lewis. Senator Lewis