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SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, that is the crippled fathers. There are about two hundred crippled fathers included in the families, in this number of families across the state, and that particular language picks up the crippled father.

SENATOR VICKERS: But it would also open the door to more, a broader interpretation than just the crippled fathers, isn't that correct?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, what it boils down to is, and this is language suggested by both the bill drafting office and the Welfare Department and they said that this would be interpreted to limit it to the crippled fathers that were left in the home. Now the reason, for example, is since there are only about two hundred of them, we don't want to force those crippled fathers to have to move out of the home.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, I thank you, Senator Goodrich. I understand the problem that might be there with crippled fathers and I would hate to sound like I am not sensitive to their problems, but if that is what we are talking about, then it seems to me that is what we should put in here. The wording "additional eligible person" seems to me could mean anybody that lives in that household. Possibly a father that didn't care to work too much, if he could get some dollars from the government under some sort of a welfare program, and since this is aid to dependent children that we are talking about, and suddenly we are opening the door wide open to people that aren't children. I am not too sure that this is a good idea to do and I am not really planning on...I don't think I will pursue an amendment at this time but on Select File I think I will examine this a little closer and possibly, if this bill makes it over to Select File, maybe I should, assuming that something here, that possibly there should be some amending done to this bill to make certain we are not opening the door wide open to much more than what we think we are doing here and much more than what the introducers of 789 intended to do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will be brief because of the hour. I just simply want to contrast today's events and today's discussion and the atmosphere we have now with the atmosphere of yesterday when we were talking about interest rates and revolving credits and the like and maybe you would turn around and