

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR WITEK: ...they could...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right, you can't answer the question. Members of the Legislature, I don't like to ask complicated questions. I like to ask those questions that I think anybody can understand, and in this country, and you hear Senator Witek on other issues talk about the freedom of the individual, parents and all this. But because she is in tow with businesses, she cannot answer the most basic question and that's what I will pose to the rest of you. Should an employee have the right to determine whether or not he or she wants to have a bank account? The answer, obviously, is yes. That right should inhere in the employee. If the banks say, well, we want to make them all have an account with us; Senator Witek says, well, the banks said it, so, yes, it should be. Business people say it's more convenient for us so we want to make them have a bank account. So she says, well, if you allow the employees to have that choice, you're regulating business in a way that is unfair. We need to look at what are the fundamental and basic rights and freedoms of people in this society. To hold a job should not carry the additional enforced expense of a bank account. If you make \$3.30 an hour, we know that if you make it enough over the period of a year to have to pay taxes, and you'll pay income tax, and I'm saying if you make enough under your circumstances, you'll pay that social security amount and then this additional hidden cost to benefit businesses and make it convenient for them and subsidize their bookkeeping, or whatever other problem Senator Witek sees as this bill solving for businesses. If she had to work, maybe she'd have a different point of view. If she had to find a way to get to the bank, she might have a different point of view. As for all of the paperwork and the so-called regulation of business, all this says is that an employee indicates to the business that I want to receive my check. You mean to tell me in the nineties, which she is extolling, businesses can't deal with an employee saying I want to receive my check in this fashion, that is too burdensome for these businesses of the nineties, and she referred to these choices, well, she didn't say choices, but all these people referring to those who may want to receive their check. Well, all these people have that right and the key is that they are people. They are not pawns, they are not slaves, they are not tools of these business interests. Senator Witek, the slave owners...