

State of Nebraska. Those are Wisconsin and Florida and in Wisconsin which we keep hearing about all this great stuff that they've done there, or terrible stuff as some might look at it, is only affecting two or three counties in that state. It is not a statewide initiative and it is very limited in its impact. So we are charting a course that is new in a lot of ways that very few states have actually moved on and we are at the cutting edge on the issue of welfare reform in the State of Nebraska and I think that is something to emphasize. Very important, that's why with moving with caution and concern is being careful about how we proceed is very important to us. That's why we set up this procedure. So we go to the federal government. We work on the waivers and at the same time the Legislature looks at the waiver, looks at the study reports and then the waiver comes back in some form, we're thinking maybe in January. At that point we need to have legislation to reauthorize what we have talked about in this legislation with changes that reflect what the waiver requests are and what the federal government is working on and we can readdress these issues, plus one of the key points here is the funding and what are we going to do in terms of the funding to accomplish the goals of the bill. And since we had to come back and look at the funding issue anyway next year, the feeling was let's take it all together as a package with the details worked out and the waiver issues worked out so we have clearly what we want to do next session. Then we would, if everything goes well and again we reauthorize this proposal and fund the proposal, it would be implemented in Douglas and Sarpy County in July of '95. That's the best case scenario. Then the following year, in July of '96 if all goes well, into the rest of the state after we see how it works in Douglas and Sarpy County and then in 1997 or 1998 we'd look at consolidating not only the ADC program which is the focus of this legislation, but also the food stamp and energy program and look at covering two-parent families under the committee amendment that is adopted, hopefully will be adopted to the bill. So this is at least a three, four, five year process that we're going to work through, but by working at it in this fashion we take it in a logical, reasonable, rational way and have everybody who has concerns about the proposal a chance for input, participation. We have been very open about this process from the beginning and I think the concerns that are being expressed will largely be addressed by the committee amendments and again, as we work through the process over the course of the next year. Now what I'd like to do is to ask that the committee amendments be divided along three lines. First, that we deal,