

their rent so that they can find a roof to put over their head, we say giving that assistance creates poverty. I'll admit to one thing, you can certainly become addicted to food and dependent on it. When you get used to eating, that's something you want to do on a regular, and for some people, too frequent basis. And you can look around at us and see that we eat pretty regularly, most of us, and if we don't it's not because we cannot. So I guess for those who have never really been hungry, it's easy to discount hunger as a true problem, to discount homelessness as a real problem, to discount the inability to obtain medical care as a real problem, to dismiss ignorance as a chain that will forever hold a person to a low station and position. What this amendment that I'm offering will do is really not even necessary to be discussed because the amendment is not going to be adopted. But it gave me the opportunity to talk about this issue and I think the issue is a very important one. I think that the least we can do is provide the assistance that these women need. If they need it during the last three months, for the rest of this year and next year, why should we say after that fiscal year is over they won't need it? Will the mere passage of time take away the need? If we would argue that way, it makes as much sense as saying that if one person is a fool, if you put ten fools together you produce a wise person or ten wise persons. No, when you put ten fools with one fool, you multiply foolishness and you have 11 fools. That's all...they cannot give what they don't have.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So when people are impoverished, you do not remove poverty by taking away what little assistance is made available, you deepen the poverty. You make it worse. My amendment is aimed at alleviating that. So that's what I am offering to you. And again, Mr. Speaker, I will ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Members, please return to the Chamber. Absent members, members that are not excused but are absent from the floor, please return. Members in the Chamber, please record your presence. The house is under