

impact, we have to exercise some discretion and judgment at the state level. This is one of those programs that, Senator Fowler, I might get a knot on the head about because it doesn't have really a constituency. There is no group which will speak for the Crime Commission and say, don't cut the funds. But there are other programs and agencies who do have much larger, who have a much larger constituency and these people will be vocal, they will have lobbyists and they will know how to apply pressure to the Senators, and there will be a greater reluctance to slash them to such an extent. So whereas I will get a knot on the head on this one, I expect to be bloodied but unbowed, Senator Peterson, on other matters, for example, Aid to Dependent Children. I am going to try to get an increase there. And I don't think there is any inconsistency in supporting various programs when the unifying thread is one which looks at the impact that these programs have on the society and the goals that the society is trying to achieve. In order that some of you, in the last few minutes I have, especially Senator Warner and Senator Fowler, Senator Marsh and the other members of the budget committee, will understand that I am not just trying to break the budget or any such thing as that, I will tell you the problem that I am having this session with the Legislature as I have not had to such an extent before. We do have a law that puts a minimum age at which a young woman can be married. We cannot pass a law to keep the young woman from being impregnated or a young man or old man from doing the things that result in that. We have passed laws that make it difficult for abortions to occur. So what we are saying is that we put a minimum age at which marriage can occur during which a child may legitimately be conceived. We are also saying that these young women, whether married or not, are going to have to have these children or run the risk of being criminals. But then after creating this kind of situation, the Legislature turns around and shows its true hypocrisy by saying that the aid we can give these young women and the children that we are doing all we can to make sure come into this world, the Legislature withholds that aid. So I don't understand all of that. These things are happening so close together in point of time this session that even with the short attention span some of us as Senators have, we should be able to keep one thing in mind long enough to compare it with what it is doing to the other thing. So I promise you that before the budget bill, 561, is completed, I am going to offer an amendment to increase the Aid to Dependent Children program. And I know the scrooges of the budget committee elevating form over substance will say that we in our imperious judgment have said, this is the maximum amount that is going to be spent and you can have hungry children, you can have