

amendment contains but the reason I took the figures in the amendment that I am offering is because this is the amount which is already authorized by statute based on what we did last session. The Governor, as you know, but may not remember, cut the appropriation portion of last year's bill so that it dropped us to the amount which is currently offered. I had presented a bill to the Health and Welfare Committee of the Legislature which would have called for a higher maximum than currently exists in the law. The amendment that I am offering now does not change the statutory maximum which is in the law right now. It simply allows that amount to be funded. I am asking that you adopt this amendment. Now that I have told you the numbers, let me give you a small amount of rationale. There have been individuals like Senator Schmit who traditionally have supported ADC increases although such a position may seem to be somewhat out of harmony with his reputedly conservative leanings but when it comes to children and those who are helpless, Senator Schmit kind of modifies that so-called conservative image to become realistic and face the problems head on that people who need help will encounter. There are other members of the body who are the same way but he has been one of the stronger supporters of the ADC program so I single him out because it will do nothing other than confirm the public record that he has already made.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My ten minutes are up, Mr. Chairman? And I won't take the full six that are left but I just have a couple of statements that will take more than one minute. I had made an allusion to this amendment the other day when we were talking about abortion and other things and I hope Senator Labeledz and some of those who are staunchly anti-abortion will listen to me. If we are going to pass all kind of laws that box these young women in so that they must give birth to a child every time they become pregnant and this does happen, not only in the cities but in the rural areas too. Then we should assume some responsibility for helping these young girls and older ladies, as the case may be, who do bring these children into the world. It is not fair to do it as though it were a one way street. We should pick up both ends of the problem. If everything is being done by the state to compel these women to have these children rather than have an abortion, then when the children come here we ought to be willing to offer some measure of assistance to help take care of those children. The increases that I am asking for are very modest. Nobody is going to get rich. Nobody would see this as an incentive to have a