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going to vote for the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will join the chorus who is saying those who should not receive this aid should not receive it. I agree. And none of us are arguing for that. But as in the criminal justice system, where it has been a principle for so many years, although sometimes not followed, that it's better for 100 guilty persons to escape justice than for one innocent person to suffer, I would say we've got to apply that in this situation, except that it seems reversed. We can find one very atrocious case, and there is a tendency to extrapolate from that case and draw a stereotype that is applied to the majority of people to whom it does not apply at all. So if a horrible case is presented, I am not going to say that the case does not exist, or that people who are milking the system in that fashion should get away with it. They are depriving others who have needs of what they need. But that bad case is not a justification for doing harm to the vast majority of people who need this assistance and who are entitled to it. The reason I say entitled to it, because I think we are obliged to assist our fellow creatures who have need and we're in a position to assist them. And they should not have to beg or humble themselves before any of us who are mere human beings and mortals and would not want to humble and humiliate ourselves as a condition to receiving those things that are needed. When it comes to Medicaid, I, like Senator Crosby, am unwilling to say that because of the burgeoning costs of medical care we ought to say that the problem is with the sick, because they shouldn't get sick since doctors are charging so much. People who are ill have no control over that illness. So the controlling factor should come into play with those who are unjustifiably increasing the cost of medical services. But again they are powerful. They have political action committees. Some of these doctors are the main stockholders in profit...in for profit corporations dealing with the research that they are doing, and sometimes they are receiving government grants to do the research, and they are operating companies for profit which will enable them to make money off the research they're doing with government assistance. Those few patients that they might treat are gouged and overcharged. Some people in the medical profession are so outraged and scandalized by what they see in terms, not only of shoddy medical treatment, but the unjustified costs for unneeded tests, that they are speaking out against it.