

work on the amendments, and whether or not we get them, we still probably won't vote for the bill. That could have been avoided. It could have...in the first place, the bill could have not been introduced. In the second place, the committee could have not put it out, then you wouldn't have this problem. It would be gone to the dead bill heap is where I think it should be. But at this time, I just want to go back over some statistics that I had read last week. This all comes from the Department of Social Services, because again I say, the Medicaid, Aid to Dependent Children, disabled, all of those programs, fit into each other. They are like a big jigsaw puzzle. They compliment each other and they all get money from the same sources. So here's a couple of things I'd like, because some things have been said on the floor the last couple of days, and I knew I had some information from the Department of Social Services that would clarify about fraud. About 1 percent of ADC benefits in Nebraska go to clients who misrepresent their circumstances. This is according to a federal quality control study; 1 percent out of all the people that get ADC are maybe not representing themselves quite correctly. Sixty-three percent of Medicaid recipients are members of ADC families, but the largest percentage of the Medicaid expenditure helps elderly poor. Aged and disabled clients account for almost 70 percent of Medicaid expenditures including payments for chronic care hospitals and nursing homes. Here is another one. ADC clients are required to seek work regularly. Almost 3,000 ADC recipients are employed each month. A large percentage of them participate in the job support program each month. So, you see, they are out there and another large support of them, the job support clients are in educational activities. They are trying to get an education so they can get out of the system. They want to be independent. Nebraska, in 1990, ranked 27th among states in ADC benefit levels. A family receiving both ADC and food stamps still lives 33 percent below the poverty line. When you talk about the poverty line, you have to remember according to federal guid lines that that is a little below \$12,000, the poverty line. And I think most of you will agree if you had to live on that \$12,000 that you get from the Legislature, you wouldn't be doing too well, right? Nobody is listening but that's all right. I am just putting this into the record. An ADC recipient receives an average of \$115.15 monthly. Now remember, the ADC recipient is the child, the aid to dependent children. The average age of an ADC mother is 28. Over 10 percent of ADC mothers are teenagers. So you see what we are talking about. One last thing, the most ADC families are small.