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they can. The other thing is there is a mechanism that if you can prove parenthood that that man is liable for that child support even though the couple is not married. So I think when I speak about the system and what we need to look at, here is another phase of it. It isn't right that these men are allowed to go off and leave these families adrift, but you know it happens. And so the woman is left with the child, or if she leaves an abusive husband and is left with the child, and he refuses to support and he eludes the enforcement of it, she has no alternative but to ask for assistance. And this is what it is, it is assistance for the child, to keep the child fed, clothed, able to go to school, and so on. The other thing that I mentioned before, and I will again, that the children under...half of the children receiving ADC in Nebraska are under the age of six. So they are little bitty ones who can't go out and get a paper route or anything to help the family income. So there again, these are people that really need our help. So I am going to vote for the reconsideration. I think that we should look at this again and consider what you are talking about here today. This amendment isn't everything I would like it to be because I don't even want the bill, so I have mixed feelings about voting for any of the amendments because I just don't want the bill. But when you stop and think of the people that are on this particular phase of ADC, you have to remember that they are people who are having a hard time and we do need to help them. So I will vote for the reconsideration.

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Ashford, you are next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I just would like to make a couple of points for the record. First of all, for those of you who are voting against this amendment and are voting for the bill, what you are, in effect, doing is voting only for a...and if you are doing that because you want to discontinue this program, what you're...you're, in effect, not doing that. You are...all you are doing is delaying the funding of the program for two years. Two years from now the funding will go back into effect. So somehow if you think you are cutting, making a real cut in the budget in ADC, that is not what is happening. So I think you have got to take a look at