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and the circumstances will have changed.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I just want to make two more points and read a quick little paragraph. One of my...a lot of people are paying attention to this discussion, to this debate, I want you to know that. It isn't just we here. We have a lot of people who are watching the Legislature and trying to understand what's going on, and another one of my favorite constituents called in and had an idea that perhaps instead of cash, that vouchers should be given for this kind of subsistence. So that might end up a way that you perhaps could control which some people feel we can't control what this money goes for. Well, that's true, of course, in anything like this, any kind of payment that you make to people. Unless you make it to the vendor and so on, then it is difficult to control. But, again, when we start looking at all these programs, which we must do, we can't just have this discussion and then walk away from it. I think...I have got that on my list to talk about whether when we make a special stipend, such as this is, that we might have some kind of voucher system or something which is kind of like food stamps. Food stamps are supposed to go for certain kinds of food, certain things that you buy in the grocery store. Another one called in and said that in New Jersey, I don't know if this is actually passed or not, after the second pregnancy, they are cutting off the ADC payments. Whether or not you can do that under all the federal guidelines I am not sure, but there are all kinds of things that we need to look at. So I won't go into any of the other things I talked about today, but I want to read a paragraph from a letter that has been sent to all of us, I guess, I just haven't seen my own copy yet, from a man I respect a lot, a Lincoln man, and he quotes Hubert Humphrey, who said, "The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children, those who are in the twilight of life, the aged, and those who are in the shadow of life, the sick, the needy, and the handicapped." Thank you. Senator Chambers, if I have any time left, if you would like to have it, why I will be glad to give it to you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Chambers, you have just short of three minutes.