

question? You haven't talked today, but I thought...I was thinking of this yesterday when you spoke.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Witek.

SENATOR CROSBY: The other day when we were voting on the benefits for legislators did you vote yes?

SENATOR WITEK: I did with the explanation to Senator Chambers that I would not...

SENATOR CROSBY: All I want is an answer, yes or no, don't use my time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...advance it at any other stage of debate.

SENATOR CROSBY: I want an answer, yes or no, because I had some people tell me, over the weekend, thanked me for my vote and, Senator Chambers, I'm sorry, they called it legislative welfare.

SENATOR WITEK: He made me do it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, don't...but they called it legislative welfare. There are all kinds of benefits that people get every day from the government. I'll venture to guess just about everybody in this room maybe has had an FHA loan, that's to help you buy a house, that's to help you get a good interest rate and so on, and a lower downpayment, or maybe even a NIFA loan. I have a son who had a NIFA loan. I have another one, we had a GI loan. All of that is benefits from the government that you all take for granted and say fine, but when you start talking about a woman who's not married and has a baby, there's something about that that brings out the mean side. And I do not understand it. The hearing on this bill had one person, besides Senator Pirsch, as a proponent, and he is a man who comes in against everything. He doesn't want to pay taxes, he's that way,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...I've known him for years and years, he's against everything. There were three people who were against it, three groups who came in against it. Only four people voted