

language and it depends on what you use as the base. And I guess...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...I'm not opposing your language but I'm wondering if we need some clarification or if you intend to have that clarified through regs or what.

SENATOR WESELY: Let me tell you, you've made an excellent point and I would be more than happy to pursue it with you and we can see whether or not we need to put it in statute.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: It probably would be better to do it that way and I would be happy...

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: ...to work with you on an amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Mr. Speaker, the point that I want to emphasize, especially in view of the discussion between Senator Bromm and Senator Wesely, whatever the standard of need is, let's say that the standard of need is \$50,000, which we know it never will be, the amount that people receive in payments in Nebraska will not automatically go up and the next two years it's up to \$100,000 of standard of need, but this amount that is actually paid continues to clunk along at the same level. It is not under the present law, with the adoption of the committee amendment, the payment is not automatically changed. It needs a specific enactment by the Legislature and we have always done it in terms of a dollar amount. So even if the standard of need right now were \$15,000, \$20,000, any amount that you want to pull out of the air, the actual ADC payment for a family of whatever number, an additional amount for however many children will be specified in a dollar amount. My preference would be that we tie the payment