

about these women who need child care, Senator Chambers keeps referring to it as women who need child care, although I know, myself, that it's not just the women that need child care. And I've had people, you know, in the back when I've gone back there saying, you know, how can you take child care away from us? We're trying to get a college education or something. And I said, maybe you can do like I did and like a lot of families do who don't have somebody paying for our child care and we still can't afford it, we rely on each other. We get friends to do that, we schedule our classes at the universities accordingly so that we can share and we have baby-sitting pools where we get together and we charge each other baby-sitting hours, and those are the kind of adjustments that people make in their lives, have made since time began in their lives except when government steps in and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...says we must take money from these people and provide child care for these people, even though the people that you're taking the money from don't have child care for study time and all these other things. And you've got to have some thought to where you're getting the money from, where you're going to get this additional \$12 million from. You are taking those from people who you've all heard from cannot afford these types of changes. So when you're being asked to make...here's an opportunity right here if you vote for this amendment to leave things as they are, to not put it into automatic change in policy here, and to strike this language from the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I have a question or two for...I believe I'm going to ask Senator Wesely, not to ignore anybody else that's involved in this bill, but because Senator Wesely and I have had some conversations on this issue, so I'm going to ask for his response based on his experience working with welfare reform. But I'm going to kind of set the stage and talk in general terms about my understanding of what we're trying to do with LB 455, what we tried to do with LB 1224. As I remember, Senator Wesely, first hearing the concept of welfare reform was when the Governor had appointed...actually I was in my job, I went down to lobby Bob Armstrong on a housing authority issue on behalf of the