

this body as to how much we have available to fund it at, so we are not meeting the 75th percentile for Title XX as it is, and so there will always be a check in place by virtue of how much this body appropriates as to how close we are going to make it. So it's not really putting anymore authority on the Department of Social Services as to what they will be doing in that regard. But I actually wanted to engage Senator Chambers a little bit because there are some of us who are supporters of welfare reform who are not approaching it as a matter of demagoguery and not approaching it by virtue of its fiscal impact, but rather because we have cared about children for a number of years and we actually look at the numbers of children in poverty, and the rise in the numbers of children in poverty and say that that's an indictment of the system that we currently have, and that we have to do something that is going to change it, to encourage more self-reliance and self-sustenance, and especially to encourage a system that requires responsibility of both parents in the support of their children. And that's something that I feel very strongly about and I intend to speak about in greater depth as we move on with this discussion of welfare reform. But I do want Senator Chambers to understand that there are some of us who are doing this not just because of what the cost is, but because of the children that are involved.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Wesely. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I'd ask for a call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor, the house is under call. Senator Wesely, will you accept call-in votes? Senator Wesely, will you accept call-in votes? Call-in votes are being accepted. Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Lynch, Senator Lindsay, Senator Bromm, Senator Brown, Senator Pirsch, Senator Robak, Senator Dierks,