

PRESIDENT ROEAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it's not going to reach out a helping hand and assist you. Members of the Legislature, this is a cruel bill at best. And when we get off these amendments and I can raise some of the issues, then I'm at least going to show in the record what a hypocritical sham this bill is. There was a requirement that specific information about jobs be provided, the number of jobs, the types of jobs, the wages and the benefits, that was not done. So they're striking that from the law so that the most important thing, employment, does not have to be addressed. But all the draconian cuttings and punitive measures are to be wreaked on these poor people with a vengeance. Then you're going to do everything to make sure that they have no way to lift themselves from this quagmire into which we have forced them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One...time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bohlke, your light is next, followed by Senators Wesely, Schimek, Crosby, Day, Pirsch, Vrtiska, Jensen and Chambers.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, and all those members that were just listed, let me try to provide some information that I think right now we have a little confusion. And I know, Senator Witek, if I...if you would listen then maybe we could straighten out a little bit of this also. Currently, under the present system, someone may qualify for four years of a postsecondary education. Under the new system, they will be able to qualify for two years, and so there will be a cost savings, not an increased cost by doing this. We have always said that, or at least I have said and I think others have felt that when a woman would come in for her interview that the potential, especially of going to a community college to be retrained with a new skill, would definitely be a part of that analysis and possibly a part of that contract in the beginning. It was always the intent, it was the intent of anyone who has ever worked on this bill that that would be an option available to women, that certainly if you go in for that initial interview and you have no skills, and very often if you would graduate from high school and you would go in for that interview, you would have no skills in order to go out and find a job. A key part is in that interview now being able to make an individual assessment for each client coming in, not a one-size-fits-all. Like you, Senator Witek, there are numbers of us, yes, who certainly didn't have a four-year education provided to us. This is not