

job search or employment. And then it says, under part two, education shall consist of and goes through the whole litany, but it didn't, for some reason, it left out postsecondary education so the committee felt very strongly that that should be an option and particularly for the woman who already has a great deal of her college education and to finish it would not take very long, certainly not longer than the two years, and when she's finished she is far, far better able to support herself in the marketplace. You know, I haven't said anything on this bill yet today and I'm kind of sitting back and listening because I have to tell you I'm really a skeptic. I really am skeptical that this is going to do what it says it's going to do. I think a lot of our constituents think we're just going to throw everybody off of the welfare rolls and we're going to save a lot of money and that's going to be the end of that. Well, obviously, we're not going to just throw a lot of people off the welfare rolls. Obviously, if you talk to those same constituents, they feel pretty strongly that we need to protect our children and they're not going to want us to do that. I think, in the long run, it may not even save us too much money. I think that maybe, in the long run it will, but certainly not in the short run because we're going to have a lot of support for helping these people to get off welfare. But I guess the more I listen here today, if we don't do some of the things that we have said we're going to do in this bill, then not only will it not save much money in the long run, but it's really going to be hurtful to people and it's not going to be successful. And I think that it's cutting off your nose to spite your face if you say that somebody can't go and take that last year of college or even that last three hours, as Senator Bohlke suggested, and we keep them down there at a \$5.25 an hour job...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...where they're not going to have much success once they get out in the marketplace. And what scares me about this whole thing, what really scares me is we're going to get people off of welfare for six months or even maybe two years and then they're going to fall back into the system again. If we don't provide the education, if we don't provide the help with the health benefits and the child support, or the child care, that in the long run we're going to fail in getting these folks off of welfare and then everybody is going to be upset and frustrated about it. So I think that we have to proceed very