

carefully and we have to do it with a view and an eye towards the long term results, and if we can't do that, then I think that we're going to spend a lot of money and we're not going to be successful in the end. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Day would like to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature. Glenda Reimer is here from Washington, D.C. She is Senator Exon's office manager. She is under the south balcony. Glenda, will you please stand and be recognized. Welcome. Senator Crosby, your light is next.

SENATOR CROSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members, and thank you, Senator Schimek. You said a couple of the things that I was going to say and I will follow up with one thing about...two things about the postsecondary education because I do want to make it clear the ADC money does not pay tuition. It pays for support services for taking care of the children or so on, but those women have to take out loans or find the tuition some other way and most of them work part time to keep going and maybe are lucky enough to have an employer who gives them a few benefits in that way. That does happen. But the other thing they have to be careful of, certain, there are times, and I know this has happened, if a woman gets a scholarship, they deduct that from her benefits. We talked about that at one of our poverty lunches a couple of years ago, that some of them said that the benefits went down. And as far as what we say with this bill and what DSS tells them, Social Services now, the rules are, if you go on welfare, you are on welfare, you have to be looking for a job, you have to be getting job training, you have to get a job. Education is the key to that job. You have to have qualifications to get a job that is going to pay you enough to get along and take care of your family. Now someone said something about being in the Legislature, legislators don't even have to know how to read, write or count to three when it comes right down to it. There are no qualifications that I know of in the statute. If you've got a good smile and you can go door to door and say you hate taxes and government is terrible, you can get elected. That's...well, no, I never say that. Some people may. Maybe they do. I didn't think of that particular thing, Senator Chambers. But my point is I wish that you would know some of the women that I know and I've had you at the lunches and had these one on one discussions. It seems by now you would have realized that they are very earnest people who are trying to get off welfare. For me, they are faces. They