

child to live on, and it is difficult, although, and this is no sob story because it is easy not having any money because there is not a whole lot of decisions to make on what you are going to do or what you are going to wear and those types of things, but you can live on that kind of money, it is possible. And what you are telling me then is if you live in a rural area and you can't afford to go to college, for whatever reasons, you are not going to, and I still say you can go take out loans, you can do that. Anybody can do that. But if they, for some reason, choose not to do that, choose not to go get loans, or go after scholarships or grants or anything else to go to college, then the individual who makes the decision to have a child at the age of 18 will get a college education support system in place for their first two years of college through this welfare reform. But the individual who chooses not to have a child will not have that support system if they choose to go to school. So to me, that's a difference it makes, you know. You can tell people that, you know, we are being cruel here and it is difficult to find jobs in the rural area and all these other things. Those are all true and I agree with them, but what you are saying here is the difference, what makes the difference between getting the support system and not having the support system is having a child, usually out of wedlock, or definitely without another support member in the family, to be a single parent. That's when this kicks in. So if they make a decision to be a single parent, and to me it is a decision that's made, then they get the support system kicked in for two years. That's what this is all about. This comes down to...and if you are talking about a woman who has several children or one child, and whose husband, as Senator Crosby said, if they get a divorce, and then they are trying to raise that child on their own, if that's what has occurred, and that has been a decision that parents have made to get a divorce, then that kicks in for those individuals, but it never kicks in for the individual who doesn't have a child, or who doesn't get a divorce, or doesn't have one of these other "hardships" that we are defining here in government. And the individual who just happens to come from a family that doesn't have a whole lot of money, but still may want to go to college, those are the people, like Senator Pirsch referred to, her children, that had to work their way through, and like myself with ten brothers and sisters, those are the decisions that I had to make was to work my way through. I couldn't fall back on this public support system that you are putting together here for individuals. I had to fall back on myself, and working whatever hours it had to be. And that is not a sob story,