

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does this welfare reform bill touch on foster care in any way?

SENATOR BOHLKE: It does in one way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: You know that we have...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me set an example. If parents who are poor and cannot take care of their children are found to be placing their children in hazardous circumstances, will the state, under the existing law, be required to take those children as wards?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would think that that would be no different than currently.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, so if they are not paid for and assisted through ADC, they will be taken as wards of the state, and the state would have to find someplace for them, and if there are not enough foster care homes, they would have to find some facilities or institutions to place them, wouldn't they?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, I think there eventually could be another option, but it is your time. I don't have my light on, but the cap for no more additional money for additional children does not apply if a foster care child would come back to the home.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If my time runs out, would you put yours on. Well, maybe Senator Will will give me some time Thank you. And then when I get more time, I will ask you another couple of questions because I want to make some observations to set the tone for it. You are not going to get out of taking care of poor people, because contrary to what I told you, Jesus was right when he said the poor you will have with you always. You will and you will take care of them one way or the other. If these parents cannot take care of the children because we adopt Senator Hall's amendment, as we should, the state is still going to take care of them because they will become wards of the state as a result of having been placed in dangerous or hazardous circumstances. The parents will have their parental rights terminated, and that's the end of that. Then perhaps a woman