

needs of food and, and the critical words are, housing without continuous assistance, or that the child or children are at risk of losing care by and residence with their parent or parents. I, personally, introduced this amendment in the executive session of the Health and Human Services Committee because I do not believe that this bill should, in any event, constitute or result in the homelessness of a single child or a single parent with child, and the thrust of this amendment in providing a statutory explanation of what constitutes extreme hardship is to prevent any case of homelessness resulting from the two-year limitation. I do not have any objection to Senator Beutler's amendment. I believe that probably the basic needs which are defined in this amendment to be food and residence with their parents could very likely be expanded to include clothing because, even though that might be a relatively limited expense, it certainly combines with the concept of preventing any degree or any occasion of homelessness as a result of the two-year limitation. So I would gladly accept his proposed amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Further discussion on the Beutler amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Matzke a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Matzke, does this language apply after the two-year period has expired?

SENATOR MATZKE: The...I think that's answered by the prior language in the amendment which says the department shall develop policy guidelines to allow for cash assistance to persons who have received the maximum cash assistance provided by this section and who face extreme hardship without additional assistance. Yes, it would fill the gap after the two years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Wesely, is that your understanding, that it will be? Senator Matzke, that's what I thought it was and Senator Wesely said he agrees. I'd like to ask Senator "Wicked" a question if I may. Senator "Wicked", would you...Senator Witek, would you answer a question, please?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Witek, will you yield for a question?