

thinks that children shouldn't run around in rags. Somebody told me earlier that adversity creates character. This might be the only vote that I can cast which will make some people think that I'm a conservative. Well, I'm willing openly, Senator Witek, openly willing to vote to deny clothing to poor children. There will be enough votes to carry Senator Beutler's amendment because most of them are unwilling to let what they really feel come out to that extent. Senator Beutler, I am going to give you credit for having completed this listing of items at a minimum that people should be able to have even if they're poor, but I don't think the attitude that you are evincing is the attitude of the federal government, the state government or the county governments. I won't be quite as concerned about giving them a few odds and ends of clothing...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even if they're not rags, because with that other amendment we had we're going to get them. They can't get anything from the federal government, can't get anything from the state governments, can't get anything from the county. I look for the World-Herald to write a very glowing commendatory article, editorial, for the Legislature on that county amendment. This one, I'm going to listen to the discussion and I may be brought around to giving that liberal vote, but I'm just not sure. I, at least, am pretty sure that Senator Witek is not going to vote for this amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, actually I did have my light on to ask some of those same questions. I have some concerns about this area of the bill only because again it's very ambiguous, you want to keep using that word. It's not very explana...it doesn't explain what type of housing. I mean, you know, could it be a lot of money that they're spending on housing or what type of clothing now that we're discussing here that they can no longer provide? Or food, maybe they go out to eat a lot and they have to cut back on...you know, it does seem to me that we're getting to the point now, I mean we've already left a lot of expansions in with this amendment and we're getting to the point of what I would consider really kind of ridiculous because I don't know anybody in America today that can't find some kind of clothes to put on their person. And I don't know, Senator Beutler, maybe you