

through. And I can't do this in one speech but what I'm going to do in my next eight or nine speeches is to have a little dialogue with Senator Bohlke and I know so little about this and I know she knows a lot more and I don't know if between us we know everything. But, at least, I think we will all have a good idea of what each and every waiver does and I'm sure she explained that in her opening comments, by and large. However, that general overview does not relate to the specific waivers, and there were a couple of items that were of concern to me and I would like to talk about at some length, but I'm not even sure of quite where they are or whether I understand the dimensions of the waivers. And so, Senator Bohlke, if we could start or this process looking at subsection (a) on page 8, and we're talking now about the waivers that have been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and we are going to put into effect these 29 waivers that are listed here. And the first one says, to permit work experience in private for-profit enterprises. And, I guess, the...the modification that was requested is that work experience of not more than three months can be provided in public, private, not-for-profit and private for-profit enterprises. Am I correct in assuming that what we're doing in this one is saying with regard to the jobs program that they can...that they can be required to participate in, that it could also require them to participate in experiences with private for-profit corporations as well as others? Maybe explain a little more of the difference there between what the current law is and what we're enabling with this particular waiver.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Beutler, it would allow those participants to get that work experience in private enterprises which is precluded under the system today. But work experience assignments, you know, often lead to real paying jobs as the employer and the worker become comfortable with the worker's competence to perform. And so what we...Nebraska is reluctant to forego a legitimate job...source of job development for its customers and so we believe that opening up the work experience slots for profit business will help those people to transition from the program into work experience. So that's what the waiver...and actually the federal government, if you see, says that to modify this interpretation...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.