

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wish Senator Day were here. She said something about those of us who support Senator Dierks' amendment are being demeaning to women, indicating that they cannot control themselves for this two-week...this two-year period. Then she made some of the most maternalistic, insulting comments that I have heard and maybe you have to have been on the receiving end of them to appreciate it. She said, after condemning us who want to assist these women, that we have to take them, we need to take them and take care of them and tell them, you do this, you do that, in other words, I know best, my morals are superior to you, everything I do is superior to you and we're going to take you, as the state, by the hand and tell you this is how you should behave. I think that is terrible, but it shows the lack of sensitivity of those who suddenly have lost their principles and support a bill like 455, and I do believe the reasons are political. It is terribly irrational for these people to say if you don't give assistance to these children who are born that it doesn't hurt the child. Well, naturally it doesn't hurt them if they can live without eating, if they can live without shelter. When the children are born, and as Senator Lindsay pointed out, they will be born, and the assistance is not given and even when it is these women are scraping along barely making it, you're going to take from that little, and then Senator Beutler is going to say he doesn't think it will hurt children. Senator Day says she doesn't think it will hurt children. Senator Bohlke says she doesn't hurt chil.. she doesn't think it will hurt children. Senator Beutler talked about how the public is inflamed when they see poor people expand the size of their family and are not able to adequately support them and there is some public assistance given. I wonder if they would be inflamed if they knew that people in Senator Beutler's category can get tax breaks with reference to mortgages. Why should other people underwrite the mortgages of other people who can afford to buy a house? And there are other benefits in the tax code I could go down and give but I don't have the time, to show where all of these others are being subsidized who are so quick to condemn these poor women, and I could show some where Senator Jensen may have probably gotten benefits himself, and they hire lawyers to do this. Instead of saying the public is inflamed, and their being inflamed is based on ignorance, our job is not to pander and play to that ignorance, our job is to eradicate it. You cannot show that these women, on the average, have 17 children and a 100,000 grandchildren and they cost \$50 billion in welfare, and if you multiply that by the number of children we have in this