

first reason that they tell me is that we need to have people who are on the two-year self-sufficiency contract learn how to handle their money, just like we all do. In other words, we're going to be hiring 40 new social workers in these areas to train or teach people how to handle their money. So when you're talking about cash vouchers being a less expensive program, I hope that you realize that it is not going to be any less expensive because we are hiring individuals to implement these waivers and it will be very expensive hiring 40 new individuals to go along and help individuals and teach individuals money management. In fact, there's probably individuals on this floor that still don't know money management, myself included. So it's very difficult and I think it's Utopian for people to keep saying how they're going to change people's behaviors with this. You're not going to change anybody's behavior with giving them cash instead of food stamps, and I don't think you should try. I think it's a very expensive...

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SENATOR WITEK: ...fruitless thing to even try. So if you're talking about the two things of saving money, I don't think you're going to do that. And changing behaviors, I don't think you can do that. I support Ray Janssen's amendment because I think what is going to happen in a year is the federal government is going to require that in order to get block grants, which I want, we're going to have to have an electronic benefits transfer system in place which I want us to look at and start getting down that road. I don't think we need to make a change at this time and those are the reasons why. And I'd be happy to answer anybody's questions on that. But I'd like to focus on the cash voucher at this time and maybe later on Select we'll go to the electronic benefits transfer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Matzke, your light is next.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I've been very interested and attentively listening to all of the debate this morning and this afternoon. I think the most perceptive and persuasive statement that has been made, probably made by Senator Beutler when he said that we really face the judgment of the voters of this state on whether we're able to