

legal means but walked out to the parking lot, passed out their food stamps, went and gambled it away, the money...it's gone.

SENATOR JENSEN: And the last statement you said gambled it away, which we'll take up after this bill. Is there...there is training in the new welfare reform that we're talking about here today. Is any of that training in finance and in budgeting?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, it is.

SENATOR JENSEN: There is. How do they obtain that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: When there's that first initial meeting with the client and the caseworker, part of that will be as they look at strengths and weaknesses and how they have to work with a person, would be that budgeting process and seeing what needs they have to work with those people to understand how to work and understand a budget.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay, thank you. A couple things. First of all, coming...I've served on a bank board for 20 years and in our bank, and I think most banks, we still have 30 percent of the people who have checking accounts who do not balance their checkbook. And I don't think that's anything surprising to anybody here on the floor. However, to give somebody cash who is really not accustomed to that, I think is a wrong step. I really would like to see the electronic transfer system, matter of fact the entire finance community is moving to a cashless system, and certainly more people are using credit cards than they ever have before. And I think that is...well, it's good and it's bad. We see credit card debt going up, but we also see better recordkeeping than we ever had before. And that is one thing about Senator Witek's bill, and I hope that we have an opportunity to vote on that to allow people to have a record actually of what they're spending, and then not only that, to have government have a record as to what is being spent also. I think that is the direction that we should be moving. I think it would be wrong in the interim to go into a cashless or to go into a cash system. I certainly have concern, there was some mention about where is the fathers in this particular instance. I think you would see the fathers when the check arrived in the mail. And so for that reason, I am supporting Senator Janssen's amendment at this time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Bohlke.