

aspects of welfare. Twelve percent work part time and they still need that extra little boost of Medicaid and other support. And I will repeat again it is not necessarily a money issue. This is a philosophy issue. Do you support a failed system where we have not made young people responsible or even adults responsible and that system has perpetuated and increased poverty, increased dependence on government, or do you want to move to a more responsible system that motivates people to work and to take care of themselves and take care of their children? And that includes those out-of-wedlock fathers. You know this is the philosophy that we have developed over the last 40 years. I am entitled to do just as I darn well please and let government take care of everything. Now that is a small minority, thank heaven, because this country essentially has created the atmosphere for people to work. I spoke at a Immanuel Victory's Award yesterday, people who have severe physical disabilities but are proud that they can get out and work. Yes, they might need some assistance in certain areas and that's what we provide. But they want to get out, they want to work, they want to take care of themselves, and if they have children, they want to take care of them. I think cruel and heartless best describes the current welfare system that we have as it has evolved over the past 30, 40 years and that system that leads to dependency and again a decrease in self-worth, self-ambition and self-sufficiency. We're not talking about money. We're talking about philosophy and we're talking about the new...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...philosophy that says, yes, we will assist you when you need assistance for certain things, but we do not want to encourage the second and the third and the fourth generation of dependency and poverty. This is creating poverty as well as dependency. I don't think that's kind and compassionate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members, just a couple more things as I will support this amendment even though I'm sure it will go down in flames. One of the things this graph that was passed out about out-of-wedlock birthrates, Senator Pedersen pointed out that in the sixties that was a beginning of a loosening of...in society of how people looked at