

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...medical coverage, the eligibility for the medical coverage. That was the whole purpose of this bill was to expand medical coverage for a greater number of women and to cut back on the cash payment. I find it very interesting that individuals, when we were talking about food stamps going to cash, and talking about how this had to be for only food, now you're talking about cash programs with Senator Crosby's amendment. How would we ever in a million years know what they...what individuals spend the money on? And I'm not saying they would spend it arbitrarily on something unnecessary. I'm saying we had no enforcement for this kind of legislation. It's well-intentioned but I see no point putting something into law that we can't...we can't enforce. So to me it's a try at some kind of compromise, but it's really not something that would be workable. And it's still beyond me how we can have the same individuals coming up here, talking about how terrible we are for taking away this \$71 from individuals and not talking about the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...complete breakdown of the American family. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I was just looking at some statutes which a staff member brought. And this is from the forties which says, 68-125, it shall be unlawful to admit, keep or maintain any pregnant woman in any poorhouse of this state. It shall be the duty of the county board of any county in which a pregnant woman is found in a poorhouse at the time that the law shall take effect, and of any county in which a pregnant woman shall apply for admission to the county poorhouse to provide for the care of such pregnant woman in a hospital, sanitarium, private home or other suitable place at the expense of the county. Members of the Legislature, we have come from and out of the kind of situation that Senator Pirsch and Senator Witek are trying to take the state back to. Poorhouses and other such things as that were done, but they were changed. Senator Witek constantly talks about how things were when she was growing up, and maybe they were and maybe they weren't. Sometimes people are too