

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Witek, did you go to a public school?

SENATOR WITEK: I went to a private school and a public school, both, I was in both systems.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Do your children go to private schools?

SENATOR WITEK: No, they do not, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When are they going to be responsible for their own education?

SENATOR WITEK: Well, I guess that's my responsibility, and I don't make enough money yet to put them into a private school.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well when are you going to assume your responsibility and stop telling other people, even those who don't have children, to pay what's necessary to send your children to school because you can't afford to send them to a private school?

SENATOR WITEK: Doesn't some part of my tax money go into those pu...where we getting all those billions of dollars for the public schools?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, thank you, Senator Witek. I'm tired of these people sending their kids to public school and asking other people to pay for their children. I didn't tell them to have children more than they can afford. Now that's what we could say about any benefit that the government or the state provides for any person, not one of us pays as much in taxes to the government as the benefits that we receive, and we know it. So here's what we have to look at, not only are convicted persons in these institutions, but there are staff people and we have to put them in a situation where there is a chance for them to survive. What some of us recognize that others don't who take a very short view is that the aim is not to punish people in a harsh, torturous manner so that we feel good and work out our hostilities on them, we have to realize that everybody who goes to prison is going to come back out here, that we are better off if they are given the tools to make a living without having to prey on society. If Senator Witek would read her history, she'd realize that a number of the