

and the children wind up being hurt. Then what happens, Senator Schimek, to the mother? She is unfit, she is charged for being neglectful of her children and all these other things that the self-righteous people on this floor will accuse her of being, they'll say that's what we say about these poor women, they don't care enough about their children to put them in the custody of somebody who cares. Senator Maurstad wants it to be a situation where you can drop down to zero percent reimbursement, apparently. I'm offering a proposal. Senator Wesely has indicated the problems that exist right now, not sporadically, that we're confronted with. Some people want this bill more than they want anything else but when you enact it it becomes the law and it's going to have an impact on the poor women out there. So if people say 75 percent is too much as a minimum, what is the minimum? What is the floor? Where is that safety net that people like George Bush and Ronald Reagan and their ilk talked about? You don't want a safety net, Senator Maurstad? If you can find an Appropriations Committee that will drop the reimbursement to zero, that is desirable? I don't even want the Appropriations Committee to have that as an alternative. There are some things we as a caring Legislature ought to do. I shouldn't even be the one talking about social justice like this. I don't go to church and hear about it. I don't hear about our responsibilities to our brothers and sisters. I never hear that, but I read about it and people preach about it up here every morning when they come to pray. Now we have a realistic situation where we're dealing with what is deemed an important part of so-called welfare reform, but which I call cynical hypocrisy. We're going to say this bill, and you'll run out and say it provides these women child care, and people like Senator Witek on the floor will say we give them child care, we give them this, we give them that, but they won't look at the fact that the amount of reimbursement is so low as to be inadequate and that child care in many cases cannot be obtained. I will continue to battle. I'll battle Senator Wehrbein, Senator Maurstad, Senator Bohlke, and the others and Senator Bromm, he raised his hand. He thinks there should be no reimbursement also. I'll battle him also. But at least the record is going to contain our discussion...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and the discussion will be from individuals whose names will appear in the record. Poor Senator Maurstad thinks he understands so much about economics and the