

bill is difficult, nobody really wants to talk about it and for once I'll just be quiet and let it go, we wouldn't get anything done and I still say that much in this bill is political in nature and the real impact is not going to be to put women who are on welfare in a position to get off and stay off. I still believe that there is an unconstitutional, racially discriminatory impact by virtue of the fact that the state is selecting the county where the majority of black people live and are imposing this experiment on the majority of black people affected by ADC, but not on any percentage of white people approaching that, even in raw numbers it's not. Why didn't you do it the other way and put it in all the rural counties? There is a split in this Legislature and I think the people who made the determination to do this experiment in Douglas County had a racial thought in mind when they did it and they like to say I didn't have any racism in my mind. It just happens that it impacts most heavily on African-Americans. Every time we as black people run into discrimination, those who do it say, I didn't intend it, it just happened that way. Well when you have an unbroken series of negative acts producing negative consequences and they unerringly fall on the same group, you cannot tell me there is no design and this is just accident. Chance does not work that way. The laws of probability don't work that way. The principles of statistics don't work that way. And if you want to talk about some of the principles of quantum physics which nobody understands or quantum mechanics, they don't work that way. But we as black people are supposed to accept it, that there is no racist intent and there are members of the Legislature who come up to me and say, Ernie, I didn't mean anything, it just happened that way and it always just happens that way. So, Senator Wehrbein, what I'm doing at this point is acknowledging that you have made a move in your position toward the one that I had taken and I'm expressing...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the fact that I appreciate it. But I want you to understand that that one movement by you in this instance cannot stop me from dealing with all the other issues and I want you to understand that you never implied that that was a condition to your doing what it is that you're doing. All these issues I have to fight and I intend to. I didn't bring this bill with this hodgepodge of provisions. I didn't load it up, Senator Wehrbein. So when they put all of these different elements in it and each one is very serious, somebody has to be