

and Dierks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'm trying to find my way on this on exactly where we are. Senator Dierks, may I ask you a question?

SENATOR DIERKS: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: First of all, I halfway support what you do, and I halfway support it because it doesn't go as far as I'd like it to go. But as far as it goes I support it. But where would this tie into.... Okay, the committee amendment...I mean E & R amendment, the E & R amendments have become the bill. So,...

SENATOR DIERKS: I believe that this amendment that I've offered, Senator Chambers, is to the actual division of the amendments...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...that we started working on this morning. And it's on floor amendment number one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I'll find out where it goes because now at least I know which amendment it is keyed to. I support Senator Dierks' amendment. I would like to do away with this policy altogether. But by delaying it there would be the opportunity to give notice, information to people and try to educate the public. I think we have an obligation to do that as much as others feel there is an obligation to do this comprehensive changing of the system. If I thought that more good than harm would come from what is being done, I would be supporting the bill as it stands, but I don't believe that. To me the ideal situation would be that a decent paying job with appropriate benefits is available to every person able and willing to work. That is not the case in this society, in my view it will never be the case, so that ideal situation is not going to arise. We're confronted with a situation where some people are going to need public assistance. This so called policy that would be put in place without the Dierks amendment would say that if a woman was on welfare and had a child, there would be no assistance for that child. The only purpose in doing that, since people here say they don't hate children, is to try to punish the mother after the fact. And I don't see