

in when we've had children my cash payments didn't go up, I didn't get a salary increase from the job I've got because I had an additional child, most of them don't do that, they don't tie into the situation with your family. That's what you get paid, that's what you get and you make the decision whether to have a child or not to have a child or have additional children. The real world is what we're trying to bring back to the welfare system. And in my view there is not the mistake that some people see with having a cap. I think it's an idea worth pursuing, and I oppose both...if there's a reconsideration of the concept or this proposal by Senator Lindsay, I think we should move forward and see what happens. And in my view what you'll see are less illegitimate births and less of an abuse of the welfare system and in my view that's what people are calling for. So I oppose the Lindsay amendment and suggest we move forward. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Before we move forward, however, I'd like to introduce, in the north balcony, 11 sixth graders from Saint Boniface Elementary in Elgin, Nebraska. They are guests of Senator Dierks this afternoon. Would you all please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Bohlke, you're recognized, followed by Senators Chambers, Beutler, Pirsch, Maurstad, Lindsay and Crosby.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Bernard-Stevens, my comments will be very short in that when I saw this amendment I, too, had some discussion with individuals who said currently what we do on waivers. The waivers that are in the welfare bill that we had to apply for are in fact in law, passed by Congress. If those waivers aren't there, they can't waive them. Vouchers are not a part of that, they are not listed, therefore we cannot get it waived. And that's the information I have, and with that, I'll just give the balance of my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers. And, by the way, yours is the next light as well. I'll let you know when your five...next five minutes starts.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I will waive that time to Senator Lindsay. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, even though the voucher as such may not be available in the waiver category, it does touch on the issue that Senator Dierks' amendment was going to bring us to, and that's to not deprive the family of