

small amount for a month, but, you know, that goes on till when? Yeah, but how many continually paying this? And why can't these people do their own budgeting? I think it's unfair to continue this. I did a poll in my district. Ninety some percent said they wanted tax...they wanted welfare reform. We constantly are being faced with that. We keep looking at it. And I'll tell you, it might look, like Senator Schimek said, we're coming down hard on the children today, if we don't start coming down hard, we're not going to have anything to come down hard with. I mean, we're putting a tremendous burden on our children of the future and I think it's totally unfair for those that will plan and will work. And I heard Senator Dierks' argument and I know it's a good one. I'm responsible for my children, you're responsible for ours, we're responsible for ours, then suddenly we're responsible for it all and it's only got down that America is responsible for all children. I think the truth of it is that mother is responsible for that child and, believe it or not, the father. You know, we just have got to identify that guy. The payments, you know, we've got another bill up trying to collect child payments. We've got to work on that. We have got to get down to the bottom of this problem. We can't continue to keep feeding it, and that's what we're doing. We have a generation now that's grown up in this system. They think not...not that they are entitled, they are entitled. They now think how much more they're entitled. So I think it's a hard call. I feel hurt, and I'm...you know, America is a very, very supportive country. It's very beneficial, it donates, it's the highest charity giving nation in the world. I think if those problems get to that point, why should it not be a charity on some of these people that need the help. I know I do my share of contributing but I don't think it ought to be forced. I think I want it to be choose, if there's an organization that wants to help them, I ought to have the right to give it to it. We should not strap the backs of those young families, young members that are growing up in this society, which I might add again, is not a very good outlet...or outlook. So I'm going to vote against it. It's a tough call. I think we've got many more issues to do and I think we ought to get on about our business and make these tough calls. I think the people of Nebraska want it and I think we have to do it. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized on the Dierks amendment. Is Senator Wehrbein in the Chamber? If not, I don't see him, Senator Dierks.