

will be, not 50 million, but hundreds of millions of dollars, burdens that we place on our children. Those are the burdens I don't want to put on my children, Senator Fisher. I damn well expect them to pick up the costs for those that are less fortunate than themselves. I grew up dirt poor. I didn't know it. My dad just gave money to the poor people because he said they needed it more than we did, and that's the way we were taught. I understand that. I don't like paying taxes. Hell, I hate paying taxes. I can't stand it when I look at what I make, on a gross basis, at my check and I see how much of it goes to Uncle Sam or Uncle Ben or (laughter)...I'm going to pay for that one, but anyway, Senator Maurstad, like I said, don't worry about it. When I look at the amount of money that goes out and that otherwise I would have as a disposable income to myself, I just get irritated as heck, but then I look at what I have in comparison to those that are not quite as fortunate, don't have the same opportunities, and will never get the same opportunities if we nickel and dime them the way we are in this type of a proposal. It is not substantive at all in what it does. It is form over substance in terms of the cost and the ultimate effect that it has with regard to welfare reform. There are a number of times in this bill that probably are good policy. If they could be divided out and separated out and not put together and lumped in this operation, I would vote for them straight up. And there are some of these proposals, as they have been divided, I will support, but this is not one of them and I apologize, Senator Dierks, that I wasn't here earlier to vote on it. I was down making money or at least justified in my existence back at the local office. The issue clearly is one that we ought to address straight up and down and not call this a welfare reform measure. We shift the burden from those who are less able to pay to those that are even more unable to pay all the time and the one area that really bothers me is where we shift from those who can barely afford to pay all the benefits to the very well to do, and that's where we stand on this floor and we talk about how good that is for the economy, how good that is for business, how good that is for the state. Well, these people belong in the state, they're here in the state, and it's our duty and our responsibility to take care of them. Now we might like to do away with all of them. There are some folks that would love to...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...see us require or not allow them to have