

additional children. I don't care what your position is on that issue, they're going to have additional babies and if they have them, they ought to be healthy, they ought to be taken care of and they shouldn't be put in a situation where ultimately they could very well cost us more money, if you argue that somehow they've gotten into this cycle and they'll never get out if we give them this additional 71 bucks. I mean, come on, there isn't anyone of us on a given night at some time or another that hasn't spent 71 bucks for drinks and dinner, and we're talking about \$71, 50,000 bucks over a year in the State of Nebraska and we're going to deny that to these individuals who need our help the most. I would hope you would support Senator Dierks' amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, actually the last comments from Senator Hall are exactly where I probably would take issue that I think most people out there are saying, there are a lot of people, Senator Hall, who would never spend \$71 in a night for drinks and dinner. There are some who would. The question was, how about a bottle of wine? Yes, there are some who would, but what we're talking about and what Senator Beutler was talking about are the people out there who are...and those of us who say we talk about our kids who are young and married and they don't. They don't even go to the movie. They don't go out and spend that kind of money in one night, I promise you. And people here on this floor perhaps do, but a whole lot of people out there do not. So what I'm saying that I think what Senator Beutler said is very true. And Senator Schimek said that our payments are so much lower than any other place and I checked and if we checked the...

SENATOR WILL: Let's have order in the Legislative Chamber and please pay attention to the speaker.

SENATOR BOHLKE: The point I was going to make, if I can remember it at this point, was that I checked and, the surrounding states, we pay a higher amount than Colorado, Wyoming or South Dakota. I think that when you look at the cost that we pay you look at the cost of living in your surrounding areas, we are a little lower than Kansas and Iowa. And so when we look at that ranking, I think we look at the Midwest and look at those states. I just wanted to clear that and I indicated to Senator Schimek I had checked that and that I was going to