

that are in there and a lot of them are very good things, the things that are going to happen in this shift in the way we are trying to deliver services in the welfare department. So I want you to look very carefully at this because I think it's, as I said at the beginning, I think it's really important that if the mother, who has signed the two-year contract, messes up and doesn't live up to all the things in that contract that she's supposed to live up to, the children still receive the money, so the children are taken care of one way or the other. I think the thing that I...this sheet that I passed out shows you what the reason for this amendment is. It's essential, from the way I see it, to have this in the bill so there is no misunderstanding and so people can't come back and just yank the money away because the mother doesn't live up to the contract and so the children will continue to receive the assistance. The essence of it again, any period of ineligibility for assistance due to a failure to cooperate under the Section 68-1723 shall under no circumstances apply to children in a recipient family. The children are the reason for Aid to Dependent Children. Right? And so again I say I just...there isn't a whole lot I can say about this amendment because it's just so self-evident to me that the children are the ones that are being covered. If a woman doesn't have a child, she doesn't get ADC. So we simply must keep that and have that in this bill, in LB 455, so there is never any question that the child will receive the money even if the mother breaks the contract or does something that they say she has broken the contract and that she's not supposed to receive any more money. So Social Services will have to have a mechanism, and they already do under the federal guidelines and laws, but I want to be sure that it's in LB 455 so that those children continue to be covered. I'm going to stop there because I've said just about everything I can say about LB 455. I'm very disappointed that the last amendment didn't go. That, the nine months cap, for me, is a big flaw in this bill. But if you will adopt this amendment, I can at least feel somewhat better about LB 455 because I do think we have to continue to remember that the children are what we are talking about and my amendment will see to it that even if the mother breaks the contract for any reason, that she does not live up to the contract, and Social Services says she's not eligible, the children will still receive the money. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. You've heard the opening on the Crosby amendment. I have several lights on from