

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, if the mother breaks the contract, the child should still receive the money and even...

SENATOR BEUTLER: The whole two hundred ninety-some dollars?

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes. The benefit is for the child.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator, thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: As you can understand from the answers to the question, basically, nothing changes. The contract can be broken. There would be no incentive not to break the contract because the whole, entire payment would still go forth in the name of the child as opposed to the name of the adult, but nonetheless that money is going to be used and dictated by the adult unless the children are put under some sort of conservatorship and I'm sure that that's more complicated than anything we would want to look at. So, as much as I appreciate again the sadness of being unable to separate innocent children from adults, I don't see how we're going to make meaningful changes to the system if this language is allowed to be put back in and if it is interpreted as Senator Crosby says that she would want it to be interpreted and that is the entire amount of money would continue to be paid anyway to the family. And I would give the rest of my time to Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I understand the situation, if we revert back to the current status of the penalty, you get the 71 dollar reduction but the food stamps go up and that was one of the things in the waivers that were denied, that you didn't have that aspect. If we adopt the Crosby amendment, you will have essentially \$31 a month impact if somebody breaks the contract and that would be the extent of the sanctions, as I understand the situation, \$31 a month, that would be it. So, you know, to somebody with a low income \$31 is a lot of money, I will acknowledge that, but in the...it is not, I think, sending again I'm talking about messages and symbols, but it seems to me that if somebody signed a contract and decides not to uphold it, that is a very small price to pay, again, the \$71 is lost but yet your food stamps go up so you really...it's a negligible actual loss for some individuals, and