

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But your belief is that in this circumstance if, in order to make the parent cooperate in the way some caseworker wants the parent to cooperate, there is a justification in depriving the children of assistance that they, by definition, need and are entitled to? You believe that that extreme measure is justified in order to make a parent behave in the way a social worker desires.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't think that it's an extreme measure, Senator, because I think overall, in the long run, more children are going to be better protected by society at large under a system that has credibility and will work for more children.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's talk about concrete situations where we're dealing with a family and the children are going to be denied all assistance in order to get at the parent, in that concrete situation what are those children to do without the assistance, make do the best they can?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, one thing I want to make...I'll try to make this clear because it does...it is a little complicated. But you have to remember that under the rules and regulations the Department of Social Services is the ones who make the ultimate decision if and when they ascertain that the woman has broken the contract for any reason. If she...like if it's a woman and one child, the child...they would take off \$71; \$222 would go to the child. And I disagree, it could happen and I don't think it's any incentive for the woman to break the contract. I don't think that at all. I think most of these women who are on welfare, and I've said this time and time again, in Nebraska in particular, and that's what we're talking about here, we're talking about Nebraska's children, in Nebraska the statistics show the women aren't on welfare for a lifetime. As a rule, that does not happen. And most of these women will work very hard to live up to that contract. They want to finish their education. They want to get a job that they can take care of their children by themselves. They don't want that handout forever. And, again, statistics show that in Nebraska they are