

housing, but we're not talking at all about the fact that maybe some people aren't in housing because of what they make and the possibility that they'll never be able to make enough in any case. I am not suggesting a bill like this should provide a housing program for everybody, afforded or not. There is some pride in being able to live in your own home. We also know how many programs exist out there. I am involved with one housing authority for the elderly where 30 percent, Senator Schimek, no more than 30 percent of what they make can be used against their housing costs and they have to make \$12,000 or less if you are single, and no more than \$14,000 if you're a married couple, and you have to be over 65. These people have to worry about working, and at this point in time in their life, they probably, even though they may have health care program problems, they generally don't use...it is not an inhibition to be able to live somewhere in dignity. But I, you know, in this kind of a debate, it is just obvious to me, as we talk about having affordable housing, the absence of...in the debate of how workers, in some cases, are treated, and whatever we do here will have no effect on those poor souls at all.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Schimek. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Wesely, I have a question for you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Is Senator Wesely around? There are federal programs where a contractor will come in and they'll build up to 25 to 40 apartments and people pay according to how much they earn, and I talked to the Blair school admin...excuse me, the Blair City Administrator the other day, and we have three of those. And I said, well, how about people who are on ADC, and he said, well, they pay a very small amount. And I said, well, how about utilities? He said, well, the federal government takes care of that? Would that be so? I don't know, he told me that.

SENATOR WESELY: There are various programs. There is an energy assistance program that will pay in certain cases your utility costs. There is a housing program, a housing authority that are established that do have a sliding scale on payments that are