

and we should look to see what their incomes are as a whole, and we should help first those who really need the help, and move next to those who need some help, but I am suggesting to you that if in this country people who are thirty to the fortieth percentile are in need of government subsidies, then we are in bigger trouble than I thought, and affordable housing has no meaning at that level to me. It says here that very low income shall be the first priority for assistance, but I don't know what that means in Senator Wesely's amendment. Does it mean that they will get the majority of it, or three-quarters of it, or nine-tenths of it? I don't know what that means, but I suggest to you that whatever it means, the second category is really senseless if you really mean we will take care of the very low income first. Because I assure you, we are not even going to have close to enough money to help everybody that's being suggested in both of the two categories that Senator Wesely would prefer to have. And I cannot vote for a bill that's going to give...

PRESIDENT POBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...money to middle class taxpayers over those who really need it, in a context where the middle class taxpayer is mad at us because government is so big, and the main reason government is so big, one of the big reasons government is so big is because we've let it balloon out in transfer payments, not only to the very poor and the very most neediest, but to lots of middle class people in lots of different situations, and that's the whole problem we're in today. That's the whole dilemma we're in today, and the federal government is symptomatic of that, and now we're being asked to transfer the whole federal structure, which doesn't work, over onto state government. Maybe we can learn a lesson from the federal government and start with what we can do and narrowly define and avoid some of the problems the federal government has had, as for example, the massive grafts...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in the federal housing programs.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator, your light is next. Senator Chambers.