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lawsuits are not only in that count but the Republican River potential lawsuit are going to be enormous bucks, so we're going to have quite a few issues ahead of us. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Crosby, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Chambers took part of what I was going to say because I was going to talk about the corporal works of mercy, which he reiterated and thank you, Senator Chambers, for doing that, because this particular thing, ADC mothers, I still call it ADC because TANE I never remember what that stands for, so ADC is Aid to Dependent Children. You have to remember that you have to have children to get that money. And, Senator Wickersham, I've heard you discuss and talk about children. I don't think you tolerate them too well, so (laughter) I'm not going to even...I'm not even going to pay any attention to what you said, so. But what I wanted...what I want to call to your attention is this. The people who came in and supported this bill originally do not support the committee amendments and I'm not going to support the committee amendments. The committee, and I don't know what their motivation was, I have no idea because I wasn't there, but they use this as an opportunity to tighten up the rules about...on ADC and families who need help in transition, trying to get on their feet. Now it isn't always just a mother with some children. Sometimes there's a couple who run into some problems and need some help from these government programs. I want to quote a couple of...I want to quote one thing from the Lincoln Action Program and I think this is very telling: It takes time for a person to increase their earning power. A full-time employee making \$7.50 an hour earns gross wages of \$300 per week. Now you know that's not what they take home. Many single-earner families, that means too little remaining in after-tax wages to pay for all the things they need--housing, food, and basic necessities. I spoke about this yesterday when we were on another subject that it seems like when we try to...when we start trying to save money and here on this bill we weren't saving money, we're trying to put...put up the slack, and undoubtedly part of the reason is that child care costs have gone up. Those of you who maybe still need some child care realize that. And even after-school care, you don't