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to get by in Nebraska and it did it pursuant to the whole idea of welfare reform in the 1990s and asked itself the question, okay, now we have welfare reform, now we're definitely kicking people off welfare. Not many people, including myself certainly, most people, including myself certainly, have no sympathy for people that are not willing to work who can work, and that was the whole idea of welfare reform in the 1990s, that everybody would work. And I think that part of the idea of that was that all of our social programs would be reduced in terms of dependence on social programs, because people would be working and they'd be making their own money and they would be off these programs. And then I think at least two different things started happening, probably more than that if we stop to think about it, but one, medical costs started to inflate dramatically, year after year. And secondly, at the very same time, the minimum wage eroded away, keeping a state of erosion on the whole bottom end of the wage scale, and those people that we kicked off welfare, a great many of them at minimum wage and slightly above, have been unable to have insurance, to have health insurance, a majority of them do not, and have been unable to get off our welfare programs because certain of those programs continue to...

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to apply--food stamps, childcare and some others. And so the whole idea of welfare reform, as we understood it at the time, has been undermined because, people, work was to be a bridge out of welfare, a bridge away from the dole into productive life. But that bridge is a long time coming, especially for that portion of the people that tend to stay at minimum wage jobs or slightly there above. Not everybody is a bright, young college student who's going to graduate from college and have the credentials to go on and get a job that takes them...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to the middle or the top of the wage scale.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Redfield.