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reform, and how controversial and contentious it was. And one of the things that we said at that time is, it will never succeed, welfare reform will never succeed in the long run unless, first of all, we provide some services to these women, primarily, but also men who are single heads of households, if we don't provide services to them, and finally, if they can't get in a position where they are finally earning a liveable wage. And we've had some successes. But I fear, with the situation the way it is today, that we may be slipping back. So I would encourage the support of the Redfield amendment to the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. I would just like to make a few comments on the discussion that Senator Beutler had, as far as trying to get as many people off of these programs as possible. I am truly in agreement with that. But I've got an instance in my local area where there are people that would like to get off of some of these programs. We have a lot of single parents that live in these low-rent housing developments. They work one or two days a week. They can only earn so many dollars, and then their rent stays at a certain level. If they earn more dollars, or work another day, then the majority, like 90 percent of the income that they earn, goes towards additional rent cost of their building. I think it would be a real good program if that we could give some of these people an incentive, you know, to try to work a few more days, and not take it all away from them right out of their check to pay for the rent. And that rent really goes to the government, because these are government financed housing developments. There are a lot of young women in my area that are in this situation. They say, you know, the minute I try to work an extra day, which I would love to do, I have to give 95 percent of that to the increase in my rent. So why couldn't something be taken care of in that end of the spectrum, you know? Because it looks to me like there's really no incentive to earn more money. Even if the minimum wage went up, they would probably have to work maybe a half a day less per week just to stay in that low-income housing, because the government would be taking the majority of that money anyway.