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SENATOR CHAMBERS: The federal government requires that? This is related to work experience, where the person is providing unpaid labor, slavery, indentured servitude.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, all we're talking about here is the state cannot restrict it. That's what we're taking out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the state could require one of these persons to engage in unpaid work in a public, private, for-profit, or nonprofit business or organization indefinitely. Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, for the purposes of work experience and work activities, there is a whole list of things that they can be involved in.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's what I want to know.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this work experience a requirement?

SENATOR JENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why is work experience in here at all?

SENATOR JENSEN: It may be used...work...as one of the activities that the Welfare-to-Work program that was passed in '94 stated.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this will be counted toward the goal of 50 percent that is being striven for?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it might...we could have a situation where the state can actually require...this is to be a question. May the state require work experience of one of these recipients?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator, to my knowledge they do not have to