

encourage adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Pedersen wants to announce that the doctor of the day today is Dr. Jay Matzke of Omaha who is the son of Senator Matzke and Dr. Matzke's daughter, Alex, is also here. They are under the north balcony. Would you all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Crosby, your light is next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and thank you, Senator Schimek, I think you are on the right track and I liked all the things you said because when on the first round of debate I think many of you remember maybe that I thought the "learnfare" was so unfair to a certain group of people, that we were going to cut back their benefits if their children didn't go to school. Senator Wesely, I wonder if I could ask you a couple of questions because I did some research over the weekend and I still haven't come up...it's just...when the task force worked and all through this discussion, have we ever identified a significant number of these children who don't go to school regularly?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: In the discussions we had it was a concern that we did not have attendance in school as high as we would like to see, but as for specific figures I don't recall that we got those.

SENATOR CROSBY: So you don't actually have any numbers, I mean real numbers that say this certain group out of ADC did not attend school regularly?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't recall seeing actual numbers.

SENATOR CROSBY: No, I never, I didn't find anything and I just wanted to be sure. See, that's the other thing, I think that we are setting up a program that everyone thinks is going to save money because we'll take away the \$71 a month or whatever...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Excuse me, Senator Crosby. Senator Schimek, did you wish to substitute the new amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I'm sorry, Madam President, and that new amendment is being passed out on the floor, so thank you very