

and I guess any others that may have been added have now been incorporated into that. But on the amendment that Senator Schimek has offered, I agree with that completely and, Senator Schimek, among the amendments I intended to offer was the very thing that you are offering here. It is not a good idea for these people to get the feeling that they own individuals because they are down on their luck and need some assistance from the state. All day while we debate this I'm going to keep referring back to the fact that these are Democrats bringing this kind of trash legislation. It is unfair, it is oppressive, it is unconscionable. What used to happen is that Democrats pretended that they were the people concerned about the poor and the voiceless and they were not the ones who brought this oppressive legislation. But as they bring it, they begin to see that they like this and they are intruding into people's lives even more than the "Repelicans" did. This is one of the most obtrusive, unfair bills that I've seen offered on the floor of the Legislature and that is so because it contains such a large number of oppressive provisions aimed against poor people not at poverty. If the real aim were to deal at the underlying problems that cause people to be on assistance, all of this studying, this determining whether there are jobs available that pay a living wage would be done first. The preliminary steps to be certain that when you bounce somebody out of this safety net, there is another net to catch them. But since it is a political year and since a hodgepodge and mish-mash of things was thrown together and put into one bill, we're confronted with what faces us here today. I know the Governor wants the whole bill just as it is and he stated his plan and strategy last week and it seems that that is what is to be attempted today. Those of us who are opposed to various aspects of the bill have no choice other than to gird the loins of our minds, prepare for a long battle and fight all the way to the gate, beyond the gate, into the city, we must capture the Capitol. We must take it over and forge something which comes closer to being fair and just. I had told Senator Wesely, Senator Rasmussen, Senator Bohlke, and others who favor this bill that I have no objection to the child support aspects of it, to the studies that they are talking about, but when you reach the point of saying you're going to take people's cash assistance away after two years, they talk at great length at economic self-sufficiency. The main terms are nowhere defined in the bill or the amendments. There is a requirement that postsecondary educational institutions...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.