

doesn't matter if it mirrors it, but I just don't see why we treat people who are on welfare differently from other people whose children do not attend school either and there are other children who don't attend school regularly. There are other children who especially when they get to their teen years play hooky from high school or junior high school. I just don't think this is the way that we want to do it and I don't think it is good state policy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, and to Senator Vrtiska, you all may never have been poor and you don't know what it means to go through all of these degrading, insulting things when people feel they have control over your life and can come into your home, invade your privacy and dictate to you and your children. If we were talking about religion and those kind of things people suddenly would understand. This is a bad bill and I'm unlike Senator Schimek, I'm going to fight it tooth and nail as long as these wrongful things are in it. Some of us talked and tried to reach and agreement but we couldn't agree on anything because those who favor the bill basically want it retained in the form it is in with all of the main objectionable or contested provisions. I am opposed to those provisions and I am not going to be a nice person like Senator Schimek and say, well, if they don't want to accept this, then a bill that is so oppressive to the poor will have to be allowed to pass. She didn't say all of that. She said it is not her intent to harass the bill. I don't think it is harassment of a bill when the bill itself is unfair and efforts are made to take away some of the unfairness and that failing, prevent the thing from taking effect. I intend to try to do that. Maybe I won't be successful, who can tell, but what we need to remember is that we have two welfare bills. We have 1224 and 1224A, so you may be able to ram this through. It may not even take eight hours. I might not even battle this part eight hours because the control of the purse strings is the important thing, but on the other hand there are some amendments which are going to be offered by Senator Wesely and others and some parts of those amendments do make improvements in the bill but they are of a strictly cosmetic nature. However, when the attempt is made to substitute those amendments for one that Senator Wesely has, I'm not going to object. I can't tell anybody else what to do, but those amendments will give you an opportunity to see everything that those who support the bill