

it's like to be poor and I have to tell you from my own experience, as we were growing up as youngsters my dad was very opposed to us being going on to school and the reason he was is because he felt he needed the help to take care of to try to feed the family and take care of us. But my dear mother who believes strongly in education said it was important that we got an education and insisted and, in fact, we had some difficulty in our family over the issue, but we got to go on to school because my mother had always said if you can't get an education you'll be out working for somebody else or digging ditches or doing some of the things that we've been talking about. So I guess what I'm trying to say to you is that the very same application comes into play here. If we expect to help these people from poor families and certainly I'm one who agrees that we need to do it, and we need to somehow see that they get an education and insist somehow that even if their parents, if their parents, one or both, as my father was and doesn't think it's important, then somebody has to step in and say, yes, it is important. And for these people to grow up and be active in the community and to be able to get jobs that are better paying and be able to sustain themselves and get out of the rut of welfare that I know that without hardly any exception these people want to get off of this system. They want to get out on their own and make a living and make an honest wage to where they can support themselves. And to say that we're going to penalize them, I think is wrong. As a matter of fact, I think what we're doing is rewarding them by insisting that in fact that they do go out and enhance themselves as far as education, as far as their ability to get better jobs and to become a part of society. So I look at it from the very point that you're talking about of growing up in a poor family who struggled many years to be able to provide the wherewithal to, and in my family for my folks to provide the food on the table and the clothes on our backs, but because we were encouraged to go on to school and to learn and to improve ourselves, not by being penalized at that particular point, but if there is no other way to get it done, and you know, I agree with the speaker just previously, that we do have laws in Nebraska that say that kids have to go to school until they are 17 or whatever it is. So I don't see how we're treating people who are on welfare any different than any other member of the population who are, in fact, ordered or...I guess the proper word is ordered, to go to school until they reach a certain age because of the state law that we have. So I look at this in a much different, in a much different view than Senator Chambers does when he continues to talk about