

not to go as far as the current language takes us. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Bromm.

**SENATOR BROMM:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I rise to oppose the Chambers amendment. I would also oppose the Schimek amendment. It is so difficult to effect change in any institution and the welfare state as we know it has become an institution. It has become a framework that we're comfortable with. Those who are concerned about the people who receive the benefits are comfortable with it. They want no change. If we're going to make a difference, if we're going to effect any change which is going to have any effect upon the welfare state as we know it, we've got to do some things that require some courage and some things that require some risk taking. Now I appreciate the viewpoints of those including Senator Chambers and Schimek and others who support these amendments and I understand their viewpoints, but I ask them and I ask the majority of the body to have the courage to try to make some change to take some risk here. I don't believe that it is Senator Rasmussen's intent, Senator Wesely's intent or Senator Bohlke's intent or any senator's intent on this floor to punish people who are on welfare, to make life more difficult for them. These people are just not the kind of people that want to do that. I know they aren't and their intent is to help these people take some responsibility and as they take some responsibility, hopefully they will grow out of the condition of needing as much assistance from the state. And when they do that, they will develop more self-esteem, they will develop more pride and that's a contagious thing and it's so difficult to put that in statute and to develop rules that...that will really result in that effect. But I think I really have quite a bit of confidence in the people that have worked on this, on this bill and this measure and I have confidence in their intentions. I really do. And...and, for those reasons, and others which I don't want to take all of my time, I want to yield some to Senator Bohlke, for those reasons, I'm comfortable with the language that's in the...in this particular area. And if it...and if it's abused or misused, I will be right there with you, Senator Schimek, or Senator Chambers, to effect some changes, if there is abuse or misuse, we will change it. But I ask you to give it a chance, take some risk and make this change. Senator Bohlke, if you would like any of my time.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Bohlke.