

of getting off the system and brings it up to 185 percent of the poverty level. So I think that Senator Wesely and Senator Rasmussen both had some questions about the cost. And one other thing I will mention, when you look at the ADC payment, 36...ADC payment is only 36.7 percent of the poverty level which is a long way from the 185 percent. So I would be glad to listen to what people have to say and if we can figure out some way to amend or...and one thing that Don Wesely mentioned we maybe will get a fiscal impact statement on it. But I would like to hear what everyone else has to say before we move away from this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, yours is the first light on. Senator Beutler is excused. Senator Crosby, your light is on then if you would care to discuss this further.

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm going to yield to Senator Chambers for now. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Crosby's amendment goes in the direction that I would like to see us travel. Senator Wesely had talked about, and I think maybe Senator Rasmussen did too, the significance of that figure of 185 percent of the federal poverty level. I have, as I stated earlier, a number of amendments that I've been working my way through so that I can key them to the E & R amendments which have now become the bill. So I may have something touching on what Senator Crosby has here. Senator Wesely said they have something touching on it. Since I haven't compared all of these provisions that might relate to the same subject, I'm not in a position to say whether I would like Senator Wesely's better than this. The arguments given by Senators Wesely and Rasmussen, if I have them correct, is that a provision of this kind would make it more attractive to be on welfare than it would be out there wearing out your knees mopping other people's floors. I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question, if I may. Senator Wesely, is it true that the level of assistance which currently is granted would put a family at about 130 percent of the federal poverty level, or where?

SENATOR WESELY: The current level of assistance in terms of ADC and other programs, or ADC alone, or...? Oh, yeah, boy, well,