

participation just like that we require for other children born before the 10 months from the origination of the contract. It would not extend the 2-year period of time any longer than 12 weeks, but it would say that we would recognize that if they are not engaged in employment that they could participate at a lower level just like we do with the birth of the other children. And if I'm understanding this correctly and if this is what Senator Chambers is intending by this amendment, I am going to support it. I think that even though we are trying to hold true to making being off of welfare better than being on welfare, that actually having a job will dictate whether or not you get 12 weeks or more. If you don't have a job, what you will be doing is participating in the other activities defined under the contract and in that respect I think it is reasonable to say that that could be focused on a part-time participation with involvement in such things as parent education.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Kristensen wishes to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 90 elementary students from Northeast School in Kearney, Nebraska, and four teachers. They are all in the south balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, a couple of questions for Senator Rasmussen if I could, just to better understand these parts of the bills.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If I understand Senator Chambers' amendment, I don't think I have any problem with that. What I would like a little more explanation of is simply how it was concluded with respect to adult members that in situations where the youngest child is between the ages of 12 and 6 months that their participation at the end of 12 weeks should be part time. Why