

things like education, job search, training and because that is defined as full participation we are saying teens don't have to engage in full participation in those activities, but what we are saying is that their contract says in order to get your cash subsidy, you must be working on your high school diploma or your GED. If that's not clear then we need to take a look at that and make sure that that's there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I have a...I guess I'm really torn on this particular amendment and I don't think I can support it. And I think that I missed part of the Beutler discussion, but I think I'm thinking along the same lines he is and that is, you know, I have a staff member who had a baby last September and she had to come back to work after a certain amount of time when she would have loved to stay home with that baby. And I argued this morning on the floor for some consistency in the way we treat children whether they are on welfare or not and I guess to be consistent with that I would have to oppose the Chambers amendment and I'm perfectly willing to have somebody argue with me and convince me that that shouldn't be my position but right now I know I've got constituents out there who are going to say to me, well, we'd like that same privilege if you don't mind too much, and I don't know if I can support it. But the other thing that I want to raise and, Senator Rasmussen, I know you're busy, but following up on the discussion with Senator Beutler, once these minor children, minor parents I should say, have gotten a GED or a high school diploma then they are required to go out and search for a job, I want to make sure I understand this, and they don't have the opportunity to go on to...I probably misunderstood. Would you clarify for me whether they have the opportunity to go on and get further training after that?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Once they get their high school diploma or GED or turn 19, they then are required to participate fully and they then at that point begin to have the 2-year time period begin for them and they may have the same opportunities to do the education, the training. There are five things that...it's job search, education, training, employment is one of the five things that they must do as complying with full participation in the contract.