

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I couldn't imagine that that wouldn't be the answer, but I just...I wanted to clarify that in my own mind. Thank you. I guess the last thing I would like to say is that I really think it would be good if we could provide every parent more time at home with their children. I think maybe a lot of our problems might get solved if that were possible for at least one parent. Maybe a combination of both parents could be home with their children longer, but I'm not sure that we should treat those who are on ADC differently from those who are out in the workplace already and again, if somebody can talk me out of that, why I'd be happy to have them do so but I'm not sure that it's the best policy.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, and Senator Schimek and Senator Beutler, first of all, women on ADC are not situated as women who have jobs. Senator Schimek, there are a lot of women who won't get a job paying the salary that you pay the lady who works in your office, but if you are willing to let her go on ADC I will find you more ADC women than you can shake a stick at who would be glad to take that job so that they can spend this relatively short period of time after giving birth and go back to a job, making a living wage which has benefits so they don't have to put up with what happens on welfare. We're talking about a category of women who before this session of the Legislature, people understood the conditions under which they work and the problems they face. And it's kind of...I don't know if it was a Freudian slip, interesting that Senator Beutler referred to people on welfare as patients, but that's what he said repeatedly so that's what he meant to say, welfare patients, and he talks about them being treated better than women in the workplace. Senator Beutler, they would like to be in the workplace. Part of the problem with welfare now and this bill is that nobody can say that these jobs are available. Now when men fall on hard times you have unemployment compensation. If they get hurt, you give them workers' compensation and nobody even raises an eyebrow at those types of things and when those programs were put in place men were the ones primarily in the work force so men were the ones who were under contemplation when those kind of things were put in place. But what you need to realize, and, Senator Schimek, I especially address this to you because I think your heart is soft enough to be receptive. You are not just opposed to women