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Now some of them are in and out because they take a job, it doesn't work out, they don't make enough and if this bill and the upcoming legislation that we're supposed to have ready by July 1, 1995, if that corrects the way some of the services are delivered and if it corrects some of these inequities, then I think that's all to the good, but there again, you have to remember a lot of these people are poor in spirit. They don't have that spirit to motivate them to do better. And so I think if they're working with a caseworker or someone who isn't always sympathetic, that doesn't help them either. So I'll vote for this amendment and I do think that you should stop and think about when you hear about, well, so and so went back to work in 12 weeks or 2 weeks or whatever, which I happened on my last baby, I went back to work in 2 weeks, but each child is different. That's the other thing you have to remember. One child, you can have complications, the other one comes easily and you have all the help you need, you can go back to work sooner. So I think you should keep that in mind when you're thinking about this amendment because not everybody is the same and these women, I repeat once more, do not have all the benefits and all the...they don't have the ability that a professional person would have, they don't have in the marketplace, they aren't as valuable...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...to their employers as these women that you're talking about are. So I would urge you to vote for this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? One, two, three...I see five hands. The issue before you is whether to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate has ceased. Senator Chambers, to close on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the