

pay for other people refusing to accept that responsibility. And for the most part, I'm not talking about the mothers here who are usually left with the children and have to do that kind of care and I'm not trying to shut off support for that child, but I'm trying to figure out how we place the responsibility where it belongs and I think to change the policy that we have in this legislation now would return to saying that it's the state's responsibility and not the parents who bring this child into the world. I would want to remind folks that you still have for this child the following benefits, you have health care through Medicaid, you have food stamps, you have WIC, you have the child care support. Those programs still stay in place. Families are still eligible based on the size of their family for housing assistance, energy assistance. I am not convinced that this child will be at risk and it puts pressure on the system to go after the financial responsibility from both parents for the care of this child. I would urge you to oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I am supporting this amendment and I don't want to have any misconceptions about child support because I think with a lot of these women that we're talking about, there isn't any child support. Some of them, the fathers aren't even around, there is no child support being paid, but at the present time as I understand the system this is the way it works. A family on AFDC, if they receive a child support check, that goes to the Clerk of the District, from the district court to Department of Social Services. Department of Social Services sends a \$50 incentive check to the ADC family. Now I'm talking about the way it works right now. At this time their food stamps are reduced, not dollar for dollar, but enough so that sometimes they make about a \$20, they get about a \$20 increase. So I want to be sure that I understand correctly because I went through all of those things you gave me, Senator Wesely, over the weekend and I just simply could not come to grips with the fact that child support payments are going to do anything for these women. But in the present, the way it stands now, they're going to get every bit of what the child support is and do we have any notion of what those amounts are? I can't...now there are some women who end up on ADC who have been with a fairly affluent husband, I know that. And their child support might be worth receiving, but so many of these will not. Wouldn't you agree,