

taste of micromanaging other people's lives they really like it. No stone can be left unturned, no corner can be left unswept. And if there is any person who might be doing something with which we disapprove and we've got a chance to drop the hammer on them, that's what we're going to do. I don't think Senator Beutler can show any compelling societal need for his amendment. I don't think it's enough to say, well, some of these difficult situations might arise, a difficult choice or decision has to be made and then just leave it hanging. If...the difficult thing for me is that so many issues that we deal with are pigeon-holed. If we talk about domestic violence or child abuse or this kind of situation or education, we never put them all together and see how they interconnect and interrelate. Senator Beutler might think there is no way that a grown woman could be abused by her husband. Certainly, if she's old enough to marry and she's old enough to have children, she's mature enough to go out and find some place else to be. But there are realities and there are practicalities which down here on the ground people have to deal with all the time, and it's why such people as myself don't offer these kind of amendments. It is very harsh, not from where Senator Beutler would sit, because he sees 17 and 18 year olds who live under different circumstances. I believe him now when he says he cannot imagine the department abusing some powers that they are given under the law. In his imagination that probably could never occur. But there are those of us with different experiences, different knowledge, different understanding and we have...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...actually worked with people who have serious problems, not for pay, not always saying on the floor I volunteer time working with these youngsters, I volunteer time doing that, but we have contact with people who have very serious problems. And if you look at these things in the abstract, or I guess you might say academically, then maybe you can arrive at the point where Senator Beutler is. But the language in the bill as it stands now is not going to cause the state to lose a lot of money, it is not going to create a bunch of welfare cheats, but his amendment can certainly create some very serious and difficult problems for 17 and 18-year-old youngsters who might, even though it might boggle some people's minds, be at home because that's the only place they can find to be. And while they're under somebody else's roof, Senator Beutler, they're told you're going to do what I tell you to do