

issue, and I know we have talked about it, but I am specifically raising it, not because I want to debate it. I think it's been debated on and off throughout, but I want to clarify again for the record, if I could, with Senator Wesely. And I would ask if he would respond to a question or two.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wesely, the way I understand it says the cash assistance, after receiving cash assistance, under this section, for two years at a monthly payment level not exceeding that provided in Section 43-512, families shall receive no further cash assistance pursuant to this section for at least two years after the assistance period ends. Now I know the amendment that was cosponsored by yourself, Senator Rasmussen, and Senator Bohlke addressed this and dealt somewhat with the issue of employment being available, the type of employment, or the quality of employment rather, but it did not touch on subsection (d). And as far as I can tell from looking at the amendment, subsection (d) has not been touched. And my only concern is this, if...I mean is it possible for these individuals to fall off the shelf, so to speak, fall off receiving cash assistance, excuse me, if they do not meet the additional criteria for continuation of that assistance and have, if the county is not liable to pick them up, and I would ask specifically, is the county liable to pick them up under general assistance, if they should meet that criteria at the county level? And, if not, what do we do with these people? Where do they go? What is available to them at that point in time?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Hall, yes, it's possible that after an individual has gone through the two years, has a job available and, as we've amended it, the job pays at least as much as the ADC grant would be, but they don't pursue that, they decide not to take the job, thus they are at that point eliminated from further assistance, cash assistance and their contract would be terminated as well. They could, under certain circumstances, fall under the criteria the counties have for general assistance and be a liability to counties. Again, it would depend on the county and then the status of how they treat their general assistance program. But keep in mind if you look further down, Senator Hall, on lines 9 through 12, in anticipation of this sort of issue being raised we've allowed for somebody who has gotten the maximum cash assistance, dropped off of the