

it is an investment for our future. I think this is a very important piece of legislation. I'd urge you to oppose Senator Crosby's amendment and to support the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I support Senator Crosby's amendment, but I have to be forthright in any discussion I engage in on this bill. Much of it I don't like, and I am hoping, as I have said to some people, that when the year of politics will have run its course, and some of my colleagues, whom I feel are in the position of Doctor Faustus and they have sold their souls to that one who rules the nether regions, after the year of politics has run its course, perhaps they will reclaim their souls, and by the time next year we have to revisit this matter to see if we are going to enact positive legislation to implement some of these repressive measures, perhaps they and I will be on the same side of the issue. I will not shift my position, but perhaps they will come back home. It may not be that difficult, either, when these people, who are making this study, have to come back to us and show us that all these jobs that anecdotally are told...that we are told about are not there, when all these anecdotes we hear from the one who runs the OHA are run to earth and we see that's all they are, are anecdotes, and they don't reflect the reality confronting these people who are on welfare, perhaps we can take a better, more reasonable position than the one that will be taken this session. The only thing that offers any breathing room is the fact that the bill is drafted in such a way that a waiver, when it is put together, must ultimately be approved by the Legislature as to its form and contents, if I read the bill correctly. There are other provisions which must await specific affirmative approval by the Legislature before they will take effect as law. I know what is going to happen with Senator Crosby's amendment and I know what is going to happen with this bill. Both of those things are foregone conclusions, but because a majority of the body has decided to support this piece of legislation, which I think is very unfair, and very hurtful primarily to women because they make up the bulk of those who are the recipients on ADC, even though they decide to take that easy and cruel way out, I won't. It is 5:47 p.m., a couple of us have waged that difficult battle. There have been some changes made to the bill. It is not as onerous as it was, nor as quite as poorly drafted as originally, but there is so much in the bill, there are so many areas it attempts to cover, that