

system that we have and so it remains increasingly important for you and for me to make certain that we put the money out there for our needy children so that they are not the ones that suffer and our needy parents so that they are not the ones that suffer. The last time we provided an increase in the ADC program was 1981. The kind of increase that my amendment contemplates will probably stay in place for a while. It's an important increase. It will cost us \$6 million in a full fiscal year. Do we have the money? We always have the money. Do you know when the ADC program was created? 1935, in the midst of the Depression at a time we couldn't be broker, but we did it because we knew we had to do it. Do we have the money? We always have the money. It's a question of the will and with that, I offer you the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER PRESIDING

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (No response.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it's always difficult to improve on anything Senator Johnson says, to add additional facts, and this is one of those times. There are occasions that arise where my emotions are affected more than at other times and this is one of those occasions because I'm aware that even if we make the modest increase to \$325 it is not adequate to meet the needs that we say we're trying to meet, but something is better than nothing. If somebody were starving and I know they need an entire loaf of bread, but I only have a slice, in giving the slice maybe I'm just tantalizing the person or prolonging the agony, but there might be something I'd do for myself as well as the person, as small as the amount might be, by giving what is available. So when I vote for this amendment I'm voting with the knowledge that it's not sufficient, but I hope the Legislature will look at the dollar amount, \$325. That's for a month. I'm keenly aware of the problems that people are having, not just in the cities, but on the farms too. I get calls with people scrambling to try to find money to keep their utilities from being turned off, to find money to buy some food for their children, and I'm telling you these letters and these phone