

provision and so I would not entertain that kind of an amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess my concern is that we have all heard of abuses of any program that is established in our state and the ADC was originally started in the 1930s to help out those families who...where one parent was missing and they needed support. Assistance now as in then is available to families in which a responsible parent or the breadwinner is dead, absent, disabled and of course for the unemployed we have unemployment benefits. But when the AFDC program was first established, the death of the father was the major basis for eligibility. Currently over 80 percent of the families receiving AFDC are eligible because a parent is absent from the home and 30 percent of those children are born of unmarried parents. I wonder what we are doing in our country today in establishing support and perhaps contributing to the breakup of the family and the extended family. I do think we need to give support to those who are desperately in need, but I see more and more that many times we are not helping the families of America by doing this. I supported the committee amendments. I don't know that I can support this amendment of Senator Johnson's.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, may I ask a few questions of Senator Johnson?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: I admit I've not done my homework far enough and long enough on this particular legislation. Could you relate to me the additional benefits that the ADC parents do get, that is in subsidized renting, medical care, food stamps? I guess that I have heard and to hear something and to be correct I don't usually always call them the same thing, that we're talking about up to about \$700 or \$750 a month. Am I correct or am I entirely wrong? Just asking.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: You are entirely wrong.

SENATOR NELSON: Boy, he didn't elaborate a bit, so I don't know any more than I did before.