

even sufficient to keep that aid up with inflation over the last few years. Now I don't know what all the causes of child abuse are, but I do know that the literature would indicate that financial problems, adult financial problems certainly have some kind of direct relationship to the amount of child abuse you find in particular families. Why is it that we decrease aid to dependent children and cause further financial stress in an existing program, further financial stress that is going to have an adverse effect on child abuse, and then at the same time turn around and create a program that is going to give money to a lot of social agencies and social workers to go out and think about things to prevent child abuse. I suggest to you that probably the 200,000 might be better used simply giving it to the parents of children who have very few resources, and that that might have a greater effect on the prevention of child abuse than a lot of other things we could do. I don't see consistency between shortening or shorting existing programs and then turning around and funding brand new programs. So I would ask you to think about the relationship of different existing programs. The Department of Social Services... I guess maybe this is another thing that I have a hard time understanding. The Department of Social Services has a budget, including federal funds, that gets into millions, and millions, and millions of dollars. That budget is administered by a department head with some department heads and is responsible directly to the Governor. Now, all of a sudden, for a little \$250,000 related to one little program, suddenly this whole bureaucracy that we have in place and that we have structured carefully we don't trust anymore. Maybe it should be called the distrust fund. Why is it that the Department of Social Services is not effective for purposes of administering this particular program? Why is it that we are creating a board of nine people within the Department of Social Services that are going to have the final say with regard to \$200,000 when with regard to hundreds of millions of dollars we say this structure is good, this is a good way to do it. A couple of years ago, with the foster care program, we stepped in and we seemed to do the same thing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Bureaucracy seems to be splintering, and what we seem to be doing is creating little boards for the expenditure of small amounts of money relating to this and