

services are frills and they are not something that we have to have. In fact they aren't frills they are substantial programs that are necessary to upkeep our destinies in terms of carrying for our people in the way they need to be cared for. This program in particular does that. We are talking about ADC, we are talking about Ribicoff kids, we are talking about family support programs, we are talking about care for the most disadvantaged of our state and the qualifications to meet these programs is about \$450 a month for a family to live on, or below, in order to qualify. That is to say a family has to get by on less than \$450 a month before they can qualify for these programs or a single mother with her child has \$375 a month maximum income before they can qualify. This is low income individuals who have extra special needs. People who have nowhere else to turn to and we are talking about cutting these programs back. It is the same sort of thing though we are talking about with mental retardation programs and some other cuts which I tried to put back in the 2 percent cut. All of you saw what we were talking about. You said, no, we can't do that to the blind, we can't do that to the disabled, we can't do that to the mentally ill or the mentally retarded. That is because those cuts were clear and identified. I think Senator Chambers is pulling out one among many different budget items that will be cut across the board if you support the Beutler amendment and I hope that you start to recognize that there is within those budgets, items such as this that harm people in a way that is very adverse to the quality of life in this state. Those individuals are there and they are supported and nurtured by these budgets that are out there supporting them in a way that I think we can all uphold and go back to our districts and say, these are programs worthy of our support and not deserving of a 2 percent cut. I think you have to keep that in mind as you look at this very stale and sterile sort of concept in an across the board effort because within that cut lurks some very harmful effects that are going to hurt people that you don't even know about. I think as you do that you have to understand the consequences of cuts and understand the consequences of these programs being eliminated or cut back...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and what it means to people in need. I think that it is abhorrent that we should be sitting here at