

adopting this compromise. Again, if we look at the limit on tuition credits for National Guard recipients, that was a cutting back of an existing program without the total elimination of it. The point is that when the Legislature does adopt, as a matter of public policy, a certain program several years in the past it is sometimes inasmuch as very few of the senators would...are here now that were there when these programs were implemented it's oftentimes very easy to simply decide that the programs are not longer viable and to abolish them. But I think it takes a hard look, obviously, at these programs to determine whether or not they are viable. One of the interesting points, and I have worked in the ADC area once before, as I said earlier, in the 518 Program where we provided for health care benefits and other benefits to ADC recipients who get a job. Another statistic which I think is interesting is the fact that approximately 60 percent of the ADC mothers who receive benefits...oh, my goodness, Senator Moore is up there at the...anyway, this is an auspicious time, that the...so approximately 60 percent of the ADC mothers who do receive benefits receive them for a period of less than two years. There is a significant myth out there that the vast majority of ADC recipients remain on ADC for a long period of time, exceeding two, three, four, five years, and there are a small percentage of ADC mothers that do receive benefits far exceeding that two-year level and that somewhat highlights the point that I think was made earlier.

SENATOR MOORE PRESIDING

SENATOR MOORE: Time, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Seeing no other lights on, Senator Chambers, do you wish on your reconsideration motion?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Is my light on?

SENATOR MOORE: Your light's on, Senator Ashford. You may speak again.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I just wanted to finish my point here for five minutes or so. The point I was making is that there are...there is a myth in this program that...that so many of these individuals remain on ADC for a period of time longer than two