

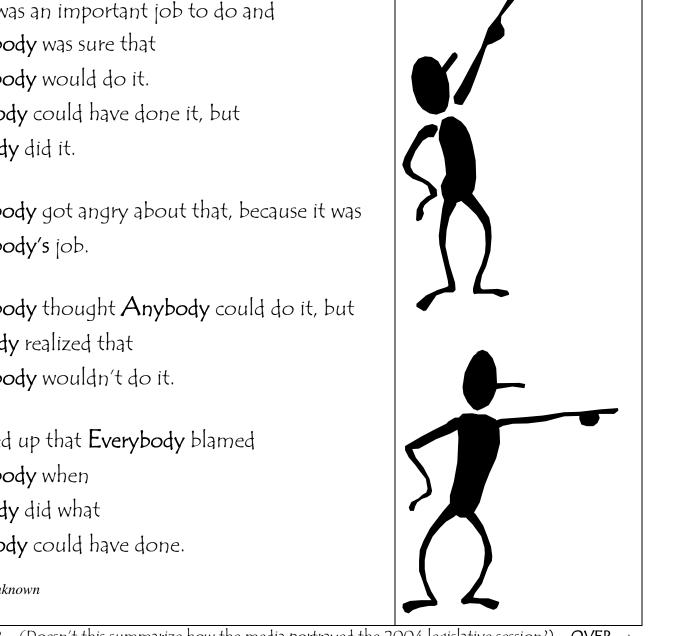
Center for Parental Responsibility

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Dear

August 2004 Legislative Education Notice (Vol. 1, No. 10) RE: BILL # HF 1031/SF 974 **VOTE YES for Nonpartisan Welfare Reform:** Clarify Eligibility Standards for Title IV-D Welfare Services (because currently no eligibility exits)

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.



There was an important job to do and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

-author unknown

As you prepare for **tough budget decisions** next legislative session, remember,

Leadership means tough decisions,

^{and} 20 year old outdated paradigms must shift,

because:

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Blessing v. Freestone Brief	the ability to deliver as I fear we may have, we must recalibrate our public programs " Source: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan "Fed chair cautions: Greenspan wants benefits revised," St. Paul Pioneer Press, August 28, 2004, p.1C No matter what side of the fence you are on, it's becoming a universal belief and commitment "to protect resources of the taxpayer and to protect resources of the children." <u>Source:</u> Senator Linda Berglin Minnesota Supreme Court "Listening Session on Children," August 24, 2004 " a guarantee of the full range of child support enforcement services for all individual cases would bankrupt IV-D agencies across the country." <u>Source</u> : Former Secretary DHHS, Donna Shalala	 Continuing the Title IV-D welfare service program with NO means testing, is pure foolishness and irresponsible. Providing over \$100 million a year in government subsidies to the rich, defies logic and runs contrary to economic sensibilities. Providing over \$100 million a year in government funding to erroneously remove one fit parent just to make the program legitimate, harms children and destroys the parent-child relationship. Providing over \$100 million a year in government funding for a program that increases out-of-wedlock pregnancy and encourages divorce, runs contrary to our values. Providing over \$100 million a year in government aid for a collection program that puts every county in debt and requires 	

NEXT YEAR <u>Vote YES</u> for nonpartisan welfare reform <u>to save \$100 million a year</u>, and <u>Vote YES</u> for Title IV-D eligibility standards, to eliminate unnecessary public aid to those who make \$75,000 a year and are not in need, in order <u>to preserve services for the truly needy, who we all want to help</u>!

Contact CPR for research that shows YOU HAVE THE DUTY & AUTHORITY as a Minnesota Legislator to make this change!

Name:	(print)	(signature)
Address:	City:	State: MN Zip:
Phone Number:	Email:	

From A [] Constituent and/or [] Interested Citizen Involved in Community Solutions

I am an affected [] citizen, [] parent, [] grandparent, [] second spouse, [] child of divorce, [] other. Our children have been exploited by the Title IV-D system and government intrusion has destroyed what little remains of most fractured families. I request a meeting with you to share my story and find out what you will commit to doing next session to prevent further atrocities for Minnesota families struggling to find healing, make our families cooperate, and grow healthy children?