

I figure when you have got a doctor that charges \$300 for an abortion and then tells these young girls under the table I want \$10 in cash, that is for the federal government not to know about, I think it is fair. Tax the abortion doctor and tax the pediatrician that delivers them, but first I am going to vote for this Beutler amendment, and then I will offer the amendments to put the tax, special tax fee on doctors that deliver babies and nurse midwives. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I, too, rise to support the Beutler amendment. I think it does make a little more sense. If we are talking about some method of raising funds to prevent child abuse, then we ought to put those funds, if we are not going to do it from the general public which I think we had ought to do, if we are not going to do it through the appropriations process which this body has decided not to do, then we ought to do it so that there is some mechanism that has some semblance of at least a little bit of indication back to where the problem lies. Senator Higgins has another idea that she would like to offer if this isn't adopted. I would suggest that a better idea may be that we perhaps set a \$100 fee on a birth certificate, and then refund \$90 of that back to the parents once the child becomes 18 years of age if they haven't been abused. That way it would be a real incentive to not abuse your children and the trust fund could use that \$90 for those 18 years. Think of the interest they would get on that. It seems to me that might be an approach that this body since they are so intent on creating some sort of use fee and some sort of trust fund for the support of this particular bill. Maybe we had ought to make an incentive, maybe we can make it more than \$100, but if we make an incentive, then maybe we can get people to not abuse children to start with. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair would interrupt to announce...are you the students from Norfolk? Senator Peterson has nine students in the south balcony. They are from Norfolk Catholic School with their teacher. Will you stand up and we will give you a hand and welcome you to the Legislature. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the