

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...was their standard. And so this is consistent, probably, with states around us.

SENATOR WITEK: Do we have a fiscal note on the committee amendment as to how much this would cost the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, the fiscal note, at 150 percent of poverty, and I believe it's about 300 and some women that would fall in that, and these are probably the working poor women, would be \$303,000 in fiscal year '96, and 447,494 in the next year.

SENATOR WITEK: And those women would receive medical care throughout their pregnancy?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, that would be available to them to have those kind of health benefits.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I'm sorry that there's been some confusion on the amendment. I evidently didn't describe it as clearly as I should. Again, Senator Pirsch is exactly right, exactly what we're talking about here is prenatal care for women who are low income. Currently we provide that up to 133 percent of poverty, this amendment would take it to 150 percent of poverty, taking a small part of the savings that are found in LB 658 because it cuts off the cash payment, and putting that into prenatal care. So instead of totally cutting off the cash assistance to these women, we do extend a little bit, what we do for the prenatal care for low income. I think it's a fair trade-off and I'd ask your support for the committee amendments. Appreciate Senator Pirsch's explanation and support for the amendment as well.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.