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on a mother's pregnancy. What Senator VonMinden is doing is striking the whole program. That is what his figures call for. We are striking both the state and federal funding by not allowing a pregnant woman to receive ADC payments only if she qualifies, and I cannot stress that enough. It has got to be...she has got to be low income. I am speaking of unwed mothers that probably were kicked out of their home because they told their parents they were pregnant...she was pregnant rather, and would have to go on ADC to continue her pregnancy rather than go for an abortion, and then we are encouraging the....

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ....unwed mothers to obtain abortions if there is no financial help for them. We are talking about funding them with state funds, picking up the federal cost for about three months because of the fact the first three months most people will say, well, from the moment of conception she will receive payments. That isn't true. She has to be verified pregnant by the doctor which in most cases is not for eight weeks. This is the first time in the five years that I have been here that I consider this a pro-life, pro-choice bill. Both the pro-choice and the pro-life people believe that a low income pregnant woman that has no financial income whatsoever should be able to collect ADC payments because of her pregnancy. If we knock out this program, we are going to be more strict than any other state in the country.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You are out of order, Senator VonMinden, you have not been recognized. You had six minutes to talk. I am sorry. I am sorry. I am sorry. The motion is to place the bill on General File. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator VonMinden, do you want a roll call vote?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: I want a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Clear the board.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: And a record vote. A Call of the House is what I want.