

and twenty-one. The fiscal note points out that that change alone will save the state in general funds something like a hundred and forty thousand dollars and then it also notes that the Medicaid change which is a concomitant part of that will save the state probably a hundred and one thousand dollars. That is almost a quarter of a million right there which will clearly be offset by this amendment. So in my opinion Senator Cullan need not go through with his letter, it would be wrong for him to go through with his letter incidentally, because the money will be more than available through other kinds of changes that are now being affected and are now in place to cover this very small cost to ensure that we do right by our pregnant women and the fetuses that they carry.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I think I will have a question of Senator Cullan as we go along. Am I right then in looking at this, that an expectant mother will receive benefits only in the last three months of her pregnancy?

SENATOR CULLAN: The way the bill was originally drafted that would be correct.

SENATOR KAHLE: What does it say now then?

SENATOR CULLAN: With the committee amendments a pregnant mother would receive \$210 per month from the time that her pregnancy was medically verified and also \$70 per month for the unborn child.

SENATOR KAHLE: So this could be an eight month process.

SENATOR CULLAN: That is the most that it could be, probably yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Who pays the doctor for the first call?

SENATOR CULLAN: I'm not sure. I don't have the answer to that, Senator, but I will find out.

SENATOR KAHLE: I guess what I am driving at is that if you have an eight month period and that mother loses her child somewhere along the way, do we have any safeguards to see that she will not be collecting that fund over that period of time? I guess I have a leery mind about some of these cases that we have had in the past and I know it only takes one rotten apple to spoil the barrel and I wondered if we shouldn't build in some protection there to make sure that