

we are not taken on occasion by those who receive these benefits. Do we have any safeguard that you see?

SENATOR CULLAN: According to the regulations, as soon as the pregnancy is terminated, if the woman is not eligible for ADC otherwise, then of course she would lose everything but if the woman were eligible for Aid to Dependent Children for some other reason, for another child before the pregnancy, then her own payment would continue but the payment for the child which had died would no longer of course, would no longer be made. So if there were a miscarriage or some problem then the state would not pay the \$70.

SENATOR KAHLE: How would they find out?

SENATOR CULLAN: I am not sure of the mechanical process for finding out that information.

SENATOR KAHLE: I guess what I am driving at is that if this expectant mother, let's say, would visit the doctor every month or every other month, let's say, or even every six weeks the cost would be terrific. I happen to know that today in real life where you are not on any kind of a government health, the cost for prenatal care and the birth of a child is about \$4,000 and I wondered if the federal costs were anywheres near that or whether there was a different cost and I don't know whether you can answer this but I think we are perhaps getting ourselves into a lot more expense than we realize and I don't know how to avoid it really. I know we need to take care of these people and I'm not in favor of an abortion so I guess I will have to go along with the plan but I think it is going to cost more than you think.

SENATOR CULLAN: Well at any rate, Senator, the Department of Health by rules and regulations require or would make an individual woman eligible for the actual medical coverage for the term of her pregnancy anyway so this bill really doesn't deal with that part of it which is...and you are correct, that is the expensive part of it but it is also the most important part because failure to receive competent medical and nutritional coverage during that period of time can result in severe problems with the birth of the child perhaps, deformities and mental retardation and other things, so it is awfully important I think that the state and probably economical that the state actually provide that coverage but that coverage is already called for under the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Welfare and they indicated at the public hearing that irrespective of the outcome of LB 7, they do plan to