

here as to what is required by the federal government only. I have...I think we ought to knowingly recognize that we are picking up a precedent...or picking up with state funds the cost for programs that the federal government no longer are participating in. We will have many of those approaches. Whether this is the most important one or not, I don't know. But I think the crucial problem of what we may be doing in this bill that could jeopardize federal funds should be very plain and assured by the Attorney General's office for us before the bill reaches Final Reading. And I hope that he can respond fairly quickly so that we do not end up with adding another day just for this clarification. But I've done that one other time in a special session, requested an opinion before we leave, and I think it is essential we do it today also, and I may reoffer that amendment pending somewhat on what response I get from the Attorney General, so I will temporarily withdraw it but I may well come back.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is withdrawn. Any other amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pirsch would now move to amend the bill. Senator Pirsch would move to strike committee amendments number 1 and 2, lines 1 to 23 that were adopted yesterday.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Clark. Members of the body, I should have spoken on this yesterday and I apologize for that. I also had several calls last night from indignant constituents who were upset at the amendment to the original LB 7. I also noticed in the Journal that Senator Haberman had voted in error to support this amendment, and I wondered if many of you others who had been disconcerted yesterday would perhaps want the opportunity to rethink what that amendment said. We are paying from the first moment that a pregnancy can be determined and this has been made a pro-life issue. Now I want to tell you right away that I am pro-life supporter, have always been, and I am absolutely convinced that from conception that the fetus is a human life. And as a mother having had nine pregnancies and six live births, I can guarantee you that from that first month through the ninth month of delivery that those children were each different. They behaved differently, they reacted differently and they progressed at completely different rates and some did not at all. But at that same time while I was extremely conscious and sensitive to the new life within me, also I was behaving in a manner, I lived as