

all the tax bills and with all the appropriation bills and all of those other things that we have to deal with. So I guess I don't regret the time that we have spent here tonight. I would like to continue something that I started a little earlier this afternoon, and that was talking about the effects on children of unwanted pregnancies, and I talked earlier about some of the emotional problems, some of the intellectual problems, educational problems, behavioral problems, family problems, and I guess I would like to follow up on that and talk about what happens after these children become adults because they do become adults. And there have been studies that have compared the development of unwanted children and wanted children from birth through their early twenties, and here are some of the things that they have found. More than twice as many unwanted as wanted said they had encountered more problems in their lives than anticipated. Nearly three times more unwanted than wanted described themselves as unhappy and unable to cope with their problems. Adults who were born unwanted continue to feel their parents were dissatisfied with them and let them know it. The unwanted tended to be less satisfied with their jobs and wages, more often in conflict with supervisors, and unhappy with coworker relationships. The unwanted have fewer friends and more often felt disappointed by them. They were more likely to report repeated disappointments in love and relationships, and to describe love as creating "more trouble than pleasure." They were more likely to have had their first sexual intercourse before age 15 and with a casual acquaintance. They also had had many more sexual partners on average than the wanted adults. I think this touches on something that maybe Senator Crosby mentioned earlier in the evening. Married female unwanted were far more likely than their wanted female counterparts to express marital dissatisfaction and a desire to do it all over again by not marrying or by marrying a different partner. They tended to blame themselves for marital unhappiness. Female unwanted with children were more likely to say their pregnancies were unwelcome, took longer to develop an attachment to the fetus during pregnancy, and were less likely to take an extended maternity leave from work once their children were born. So you see, we have the problem perpetuating itself, and unless we find a way...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...to halt that perpetuation, the problem grows. Mothers of unwanted children, the marked differences