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course, that we refer to from time to time, that is the lobbying constituency. Those individuals, of course, are a legitimate part of the process. Sometimes, upon rare occasions, they've been known to brand this body or an individual as anti this or anti that, for a variety of purposes. I said from time to time I wish I knew how many dollars worth of lobbying fees I've generated by virtue of the bills I've introduced, and some of them which have passed. There is a great argument now among the presidential candidates on family values. And I told a friend of mine were I President Bush, I would...or Mr. Clinton, I would suggest that I would like to pass...put into effect a program that would leave the family in the position that with one income they could support their family so that the mother could remain at home and take care of the children. That used to be the standard. Today, because of the increased cost of government, we have many mothers working who would prefer to be at home. I do not think that the cost of this program is going to add substantially to that amount of money. I do agree we've collected far too much money from government. But it's...it is a fact, I know, that on this floor it does not take much courage to take money away from a 15 or 17-year-old pregnant lady. It takes courage to stand up against those entities who have enjoyed certain power on this floor, who have substantial jobs, whether they be lobbyists, or whether they be chairmen of organizations, or whatever they are, and say no when you know a bill is bad. That's where the courage comes. It takes no courage at all to take money away from a 17-year-old pregnant lady. All of you know where I stand so far as the unborn child is concerned. When someone says, well we provide medical care, dental care and all these other things for them, no one talks about the walking around money, which all of us know is required, bus fare, cab fare, hire somebody to take you to the doctor and that sort of thing. You have to remember that many of these individuals are not gifted intellectually, they're not trained in the skills, they do not have the resources which others have. Had they those skills they probably would not be in this situation. But in the event that we further handicap them and they become so depressed that they give up in the scheme of things, then what happens? As I said earlier today, one premature baby can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. And who will pay, who will pay? I can't help but wonder from time to time what kind of rational it is,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.