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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I know the hour is late.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's all right, I don't mind.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But as Senator Ashford pointed out, yours goes beyond just increasing the last three months of pregnancy eligibility. And the...and I wondered, do you have any figures or are there other states who provide that medical assistance benefits to those who have income at or below 185 percent?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pirsch, that I don't have figures on, but Senator Nelson has figures on how much that would be, if her figures are correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, as I stated, this, in effect, is the bill that Senator Wesely has offered. And the part that is of greatest interest to me is the one that deals with the ADC assistance. So when time comes for a vote, I don't mind if we divide the question.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, okay, okay. Thank you. I also have a question for Senator Crosby, if she would yield. Senator Crosby, you passed out a myth versus fact page. And the one that caught my eye was in Nebraska, this is the fact now, not the myth. In Nebraska the average ADC family has 2.0 children with 79 percent of these children 10 years old and under. Over half of the children on ADC, 54 percent have fathers that are or were married to their mother. That leaves 46 percent of children on ADC then whose mother never married, is that...would that be correct then?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, those numbers come from the Department of Social Services, so that's an assumption that I'm not quite sure is correct. But if you look at the other sheet that I handed out, I don't know if that helps us or not.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I didn't see any other, but...