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street, whether it be a male or a female. When principles carry a price tag and people engage in conduct based on the pay received for it, there is a name for it. I think what we are watching with LB 20 is a prostitution of principles. I'm going to look with a jaundiced eye and listen with a cynical ear to all the conversations in the past in the present that rehash the things that we've talked about in the past relative to the plight of women in this society. Some people use the expression, remember the Maine, when they wanted to have a war supported. All I'll say is remember LB 20. Somebody is going to stand up here and say, women should have this assistance because they need it. I'll say, remember LB 20. When Senator Wesely brings his bill, which by the way I cosponsored, talking about family leave for women who are more at the socioeconomic level of himself and people in this Legislature...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I will say, remember LB 20. Businesses are saying that the family leave bill will hurt them and hurt the economy. But Senator Wesely and Senator Schimek don't feel that way, and I certainly don't feel that way because I support it no matter what. Now they say to help give aid to these pregnant women hurts the economy, so we can't do that. We don't have control over the family leave, but we have control over this. And I judge people's principles by what they do and what they set as a standard. I didn't say you all are pro-choice or pro-life, you all branded yourself that way. I didn't say you're pro or against the rights of women, you all have taken positions that indicate that. So I'm not being judgmental, I am merely characterizing the tree by the fruit it is producing. And you can tell me you are a pear tree all you want to, but if you produce plums either you are mentally unbalanced or you're not telling the truth. And that is the reality it is harsh that we're going to deal with on this issue every time I have the opportunity to speak on it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I want to caution the body. And this...all of these amendments and reconsideration and so on, it's difficult for us to follow through and be sure exactly what we're voting on. And I would like an answer from probably Senator Chambers or Senator Crosby and see if I have the right information. In other words, if I go from 133 percent of