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this morning I just want everyone to understand that I do understand both sides of the argument. If this were a new program that somebody had brought into a seven day session, I wouldn't vote for it. I'm quite honest about that, I would not, because in the first place you shouldn't decide something like that in seven days. And I don't think we should decide in seven days to get rid of it either, that's another one of my real problems with this bill is that in a short session we're trying to wipe out a program that has been working, and as far as I know it's been working well, and it's been helping that baby be born in good health and maybe have a future. On the call-in show on the radio stations, yesterday, Gentle Ben said he'd like to get women off of ADC, he's looking into that. Well, I'd like to get them off of ADC, too, everyone would, including the women. Most of them who are on it don't want to be on it, I said that yesterday. Our percentages in Nebraska are high as to the length of time, the short length of time that people are actually on ADC. Now those statistics come from the Department of Social Services. And if any of you have questions, there are people over there, I know, that will elaborate on those statistics, give you any information you want so you know who's doing what and why they're getting the money and how they're spending it. The other thing, I remember during the eighties...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...the rural areas where farmers were having problems, we had offices and we had benefits and a lot of food banks and pantries set up to help them. None of them liked it. And I still think that most of these people who are on ADC don't like it either. And the last thing I'll say right now is one thing that I said yesterday, and I'll say it again. We do need special ed, Medicaid, ADC, all of those programs, for me, tie into one big problem, and that is to help the needy. There are elderly needy, there are middle age needy, there are young needy, baby "needies", everybody. There's all kinds of categories, every age, there are people who need something. So when we talk about all of these programs, I don't think you can separate them. Medicaid is what triggered this whole shortage of revenue, so I think we have to remember that that's why we're here, and that it's all one, big show, not just isolated shows. And I still...I'll vote for the reconsideration, I hope you will, too. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby, Seeing no other