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five states, and ninth month there are two states. So, in fact, probably I guess one way you could rule of thumb would be about one-third of the states are going to be where we're headed toward, and maybe two-thirds of the states are at a position of providing assistance earlier. So in terms of where we would rank, in some ways we go from being one of the most, well obviously probably the most generous, to at a position where we would be amongst those states that are the least generous in terms of assistance to these individuals. I do suggest that losing the federal match is something we should think about. The money we save, the 6 or 700 thousand dollars, we also lose something like \$1 million in federal funds. That should be kept in mind. And I think some of the concerns about encouraging pregnancy perhaps in some, by starting those payments right at the point pregnancy is identified, would be alleviated. And so there is some ground here, some common ground that I would be obviously open to. But until we understand that any sort of compromise or amendment leads to an end to the filibuster, I, for one, cannot support the change. And again another thing to keep in mind is we have the other option of the prenatal care. And in my view, again, prenatal health care is of even greater benefit than cash payments, whether they start at point of birth, whether they start at point of pregnancy identification, or any point in between. So I will oppose the amendment but hope that at some point we can talk and reach some kind of compromise on this.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm rather torn here. I do support the amendment. I introduced this amendment in the Appropriations Committee at the time that we discussed our recommendations, and did make a recommendation that we move Nebraska to the level of most states in the country which have adopted this three month rule. I'm, on the other hand, torn, as is Senator Wesely, because at least at the very beginning of this debate Senator Chambers indicated that he would oppose the bill, even with the amendments that he was proposing. So that puts those of us who would want to do some good work on this bill in a little bit of a quandary. I think...let me just back up a second. When I got in the Legislature the one ADC bill, which I supported and moved through the Legislature, was LB 518. And what that bill did was create a fund for ADC mothers who obtained employment. And we continued the...voted to continue the medical benefits and other