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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm going to vote for the amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. All right, all right, so the force was right on target at this point. (Laughter.) The amendment, I think, has been discussed now in terms of the actual money that would be involved and the benefits that can come to the state, even if you want to place it strictly on a monetary basis. That might make it easier for some to support it. And my concern is not a person's reason for supporting it. Whatever the motive doesn't make me any difference, as long as something is done to mitigate the damage that the bill is set out there to do. So I hope that you will vote for this amendment, because of how concerned I am for these women. And I think if a woman is in the sixth month of her pregnancy, instead of the seventh, she should have help. If she's in the fifth month, instead of the sixth, she should have help. And for those of you all who think this is a kind of bartering that shouldn't be done or kind of reasoning, I learned to do this when I was a little child in Sunday school. I told you all I was going to bring you all back and forth to the Bible. Lot had some chil...some of his family in Sodom, two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. So God was going to destroy the city and Abraham, who was related to these people, didn't want it to happen. He and God talked to each other just like Loran and I were talking to each other. And God said, Abraham, that town is so wicked, I'm going to destroy it. And Abraham said, would you destroy the good with the bad? And God thought about it, and he said, well, no, because God knows everything, so he knew Abraham couldn't win, but he's going to play along with him for a while. He said, God, if there are 100 righteous people will you spare the city? And God said, sure, Abraham, I'll spare it for 100, knowing there were not 100. But, anyway, Abraham didn't know that he knew that. So he said, well God, would you destroy the city for lack of five? And God said, well, no, that's reasonable. So he worked God right on down to ten because Abraham was sure there were at least ten righteous people here, and it turned out to be like the Legislature. But anyway, Abraham went and started going on about...right, Senator Baack, and I, went on about his business, cooked his...well his wife cooked his dinner, his concubine serviced his other needs, and Abraham was resting secure in the knowledge that Sodom and