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like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will close, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. What this amendment does, I am going to follow for the first couple of minutes the advice of my colleague, Senator Ashford, the eternal optimist, who feels that if I would say something positive on the amendment itself,...

SENATOR CONWAY: The call is raised.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...people might, oh, okay, people might vote for the amendment. What the amendment does is to say and would require that in the...starting in the seventh month of a poor woman's pregnancy she would get the ADC assistance payments, from that point until the birth of the child. It is a very simple, straightforward amendment that doesn't require any explanation or discussion, as far as trying to make people understand what it says and what it does. The problem comes, Senator Ashford, in trying to persuade people to vote for it, and that is a horse of a different complexion. But I am determined to do what I can, however the vote goes on this, to stop the damage that is envisioned to be done against these women, and I am looking for assistance to LB 1 which has 208 pages, and every page has new language and stricken language, and some of that stricken language I think ought to be in there, and some of that new language I think ought to be taken out. So we are going to be here, at least I will be, and if the Chamber is empty as the Chamber is in Congress when CNN, or whichever station that is, shows the Chamber when you see one of these guys up there just a going and you think that there must be somebody in the Chamber to whom he or she is speaking and that there is some kind of interplay. And when the camera pans the room, there is nobody but him or her, a person all alone carrying a burden of government for all the millions of people in the United States of America to an empty Chamber, a television camera or two, and whichever officials of the House must be there as a part of their duties. So if those people are able to do it, and the issues that they often speak on are not nearly as substantive as this, certainly I should be able to do it if all the things I say that I believe in I, in fact, do. And there does come a point when a person has to put up and deliver, and that is what I intend to do. This amendment, however, is one that could go a long way toward helping to mitigate the damage that LB 20, if passed, in its present form would wreak. But if the amendment is not adopted, it is of no