

September 29, 1992 LB 20

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken in reverse order. See pages 109-10 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: The amendment is not adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything else on the bill? The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider that last vote.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a motion to try to redo what was not done the first time in a proper way. The amendment that this motion addresses, so that it is clear for the record, is the one just offered and rejected which declared that in the last three months of a poor woman's pregnancy she can receive the ADC payment that we have been discussing for a considerable length of time. Being convinced that the vote we just took in rejecting this amendment was not the correct position, I want to give us a chance to rethink it, redo it, and perhaps we will do differently, and perhaps not. But, nevertheless, this reconsideration motion is a part of the process that has been going on ever since LB 20 has been before us, and it is a part of what will be a continuing process. It is necessary that there be discussion of this issue again, and again, and again. I am as determined to stop this bill as others are determined to see it go. I feel that the position that I am taking and those who support this position is one which is virtuous. The opposite of virtue is vice. So those who do not support this position are not taking a virtuous course of action. I wish it were possible to have those who will not support this proposition to be in a situation where they can actually experience what it means to have the needs that these women that we are trying to help experience and deal with everyday. If the members of the Legislature think that the little bit of discomfort they are suffering at this point by being here two days on this bill is something that is undesirable, it is not even a taste of what these women have to confront every day. The worst that you have to consider when you come down here during this special session is being here until midnight, but you certainly are going to be able to eat. Now who do you think is going to bring cake to these poor women