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SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Landis, your light is next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. you know, when we get into one of these doldrums, people stop listening and they miss some very valuable pieces of discussion. Senator Ashford, Senator Chambers, and Senator Lindsay have actually stumbled upon, I think, a very profitable exchange, although we are so tired we are really not listening to it very well. One of the difficulties in Senator Chambers approach is an attempt to cross-examining us on the floor and that makes it difficult to communicate well. I am close enough to Senator Lindsay to know that when Senator Chambers asked will you oppose the amendment unalterably, John said, yes, he would oppose it unalterably. On the other hand, a good port, one of the things he points to is the way it is drafted, how it is drafted. Now had Ernie asked what do you think about the idea, John may or may not have given a different question, but in that cross-examination style we use with each other, things like that get lost. There may or may not be some body of ideas here that one could build a compromise. One of the other difficulties in this interrogation process is nobody knows what Senator Chambers is willing to do in return. Does the filibuster come to an end, does the reconsideration motions come to an end, if accommodations are made? And so far, the notion is I am not going to make any accommodations but I want to see what you will accommodate me with by agreeing to make concessions, and people don't make agreements that way. They make agreements by both sides altering their position somewhat, and that discussion needs to go forward. In that spirit let me tell you what I am willing to do, rather than what I am announcing what I won't do. I see the problem this way. There are costs associated with being pregnant. Those costs include transportation, prenatal care, nutrition, new clothes that accommodate the fact that you're pregnant, a variety of human expenses associated with being pregnant. I think it is appropriate to pay for that, and I voted for this program years ago when it began. But at that moment, I said I am not sure I like the benchmark you are using. The way you are defining the cost of being pregnant is using the cost of having a child in the home. Those costs are different. That means food for the child, care for the child, clothes for the child, things that have to do with their being a child in the home that has to get figured out, and we use the benchmark