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SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President and members. I have got to say yes to this amendment after having reviewed its impact. I think it, in fact, does...it doesn't do exactly what we think it does and is probably something that you may not want to support or support depending on what you believe about it, but at this time, the language as drafted by Senator Chambers still continues to take away all benefits at the point of which this bill takes effect, which is December 1 until that point two and a half years from then, until birth, and then at that point forward, benefits would be reinstated for only the last three months of pregnancy. And so I am willing to accept that amendment. I asked Senator Chambers if that was drafted in the fashion he wanted and I guess it is. I don't think it is something he wants, but if that is the compromise we need to reach, I am willing to support it and all of you should as well, if you desire to see some savings and still continue to provide in the future some benefits to these individuals. So I have listened and looked at the amendment and I now support it.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers, your light is on next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay reads amendments and he applies them to the spot in the bill where they would be inserted, and this amendment, as it is written now, is not complete. It is not the whole thing that has to be done, but it was offered in this manner so that we could see how people really felt about trying to arrive at some kind of resolution or breaking of the apparent logjam. Now Senator Moore is adamantly opposed to any change in LB 20 and, perhaps, some of the things I said earlier have misled him into thinking that I am prepared to call an end to fighting LB 20 and other bills during this session. And I want to assure him that in the same way that he has not softened his position in terms of being in favor of LB 20, I have not softened mine or my determination to continue to resist this bill as it is written in every way that I can. And, Senator Moore, you have looked at LB 1, haven't you? And you know there are 208 pages, and you know that there is new material and there is stricken material on each one of those pages. And the only amendment that has to be offered for each page is that the new material be stricken and the stricken material be reinstated, and that's an amendment. That's an opening the debate and the close, and I will bet you a cup of coffee to two cups of coffee that I can deliver on what I am talking about now. And nobody else need