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SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and moves along like that flat liner then we accelerate toward the end of the day and that's the way it will go.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Ashford, please. It's not necessary. You are the last light. Senator Chambers for closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, the way this amendment is drafted it puts into the bill on page 3, line 19, this is the way the sentence reads now. "In awarding aid to dependent children payments, the term dependent child shall include unborn children." That amendment would add these words and this is the way that last clause would read, "The term dependent child shall include unborn children during the last three months of pregnancy." That would be added to the bill. But if you look at the remaining language in LB 20, on page 4, that language says right now notwithstanding subsection 2 which is where the amendment would have been placed. "Notwithstanding subsection 2, commencing on the effective date of this act through June 30, 1995, aid to dependent children payments shall commence upon birth of the eligible dependent child," which means that that amendment by itself would do nothing. It would do nothing because the existing language in LB 20 that makes it a bill erases everything in subsection 2. So whether subsection 2 said dependent child shall include unborn children period, whether it says shall include unborn children during the last three months of pregnancy, the last five months, the last four months, or anything else would make no difference. There would be an additional amendment necessary to the new language in LB 20 on page 4. And that would be to change this information about the effective date. But I don't think there is a will within the body to do anything to change LB 20 so we'll just proceed. And those of you who thought you might want to adopt this amendment without additional amending of LB 20 would not really achieve anything by adopting it. There would have to be additional amending so in reality this amendment could be adopted and nothing would be changed from this bill. The bill would still say that regardless of what you put in that provision these payments are going to be suspended until June 30 of 1995. So there it is. It's an amendment that really by