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eat, but yet we don't want you to starve. So we want you someplace between starvation and satisfaction. And that's the kind of aid that has been given. That's the kind of aid this state apparently intends to continue giving; but in this instance with LB 20, that little bit is going to be cut back even more. Senator Crosby's amendment, whether it is adopted or not, once again focuses attention on the plight of the group that we're trying to help. And I'm going to support her amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bohlke. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. As I indicated earlier, I passed out for you a chart that goes through different payment levels, different scenarios to show you how it would work on a grant payment under different situations. It's about a three-page handout. Again what it would indicate, I'm not going to go through all of this, but it shows, and you might want to reference it for your own information, you basically have a situation where an individual qualifies for an ADC grant. It's \$222 is the basic grant for a family size of one. Then you get a special needs payment for the pregnant woman of \$91. That brings you up to the \$293 that we've been talking about. And then for each additional child that you may have, it would be \$71 apiece on a monthly basis here. You also qualify for food stamps which is basically dependent on the number of individuals involved here. But you can take a look at how that varies depending on the circumstance. So food stamps then Medicaid is available, that being health care, to individuals who qualify, Medicaid being all health services covered, prenatal care and other medical care that may be necessary. And then there's a program known as WIC, Women, Infant and Children coverage, which includes mostly nutritional assistance to help in identifying where your nutritional deficiencies may be and tries to supplement those to make sure you're meeting your nutritional needs. What I thought as we're discussing this issue and for your information should you go out and have people ask you questions, this material was passed out to us at the hearing and I thought I'd share it with you for your information. Again, I do hope that we're able to resolve some of the differences here and find a way to move forward on this issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers,