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the community of eight hundred some individuals waiting, 200 young people a year waiting for services, not able to access the system and I think the unfairness of that should be apparent to all. I am glad that the Governor decided to delay this program and is, hopefully, committed to funding the program in two years' time. I understand Senator Moore's concern about the resources being available for this but I do hope that no further delays will be forthcoming. A four-year wait is a wait long enough. As I said, in some cases these individuals have waited even longer than that on these waiting lists and I think the time has come for the state to understand that we don't make other individuals and other systems wait as we do those in the developmental disabilities system, and, in fairness, we ought to find a way to meet their needs. With that, reluctantly, I ask for advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 4. We will now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 4. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of LB 4. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 4.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 4 advances. We will now go back to LB 20.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Legislature discussed LB 20 earlier today. The next motion I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers. Senator, I have AM66 which is the one you filed with me a little earlier this afternoon. (The Chambers amendment appears on page 116 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is the agreement that we arrived at that we had been working on for some period of time. And I'm going to state it as simply as I can, then I will elaborate a bit so that it's crystal clear what is being done. The way LB 20 stands right now, for a two-year period pregnant women will receive no aid whatsoever during that pregnancy. The only change that will result from this amendment is that they will receive it during the last three months of their pregnancy. For the first six months, they still don't get it. That's the only change that