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finally learned, after all these years, how to get my way. You stand up, you threaten, you bully and you put amendment and you talk and you talk and you talk for eight hours, maybe a little bit shy of eight hours. Then you force the folks who had the bill in the first place, from the Governor on down, to compromise. You force them to lose \$1.2 million in their budget cutting. I have finally learned how to do that without talking about the issue of whether it's right or wrong to have LB 20, period, paragraph. So what I would like to do is, Elizabeth Hruska is on the staff, she is very good, she is very honest and sincere, and we will lose \$1.2 million if the amendment...

SENATOR WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...is adopted. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a little maybe just strictly for the record. Personally, I don't know yet whether I will support this amendment or not. I somewhat maybe feel like Senator Haberman and what I can see is maybe the school out to Curtis going down the drain for...in...for this amendment. And I'm not so sure that my priorities are one point seven or one point two or four million and who has to suffer or who doesn't have to suffer. I certainly agree with Senator Moore, I would support and be very much more comfortable if this was going into mandated prenatal care instead of just here's some more money, spend it as you please. I know what is is. I've carried two children and I worked up until the time the children were born and I worked right after the children were born, so I don't think that's necessarily a major problem. I do have another one. The way it is...it says during the last three months of pregnancy, who determines the last three months of the pregnancy? You and I know that the doctor could say, well, Joe or Susie is to be born July 1st, the doctor well knowing that it's another month of payments that they will get and the baby wouldn't come until another month later. Then we get into the problem when we start doing this for premature babies, then who says...or what? Do we take the doctor's necessarily, the medical profession that, okay, Susie is to be born the first of July, so we start three months prior in giving the payments. Who's to make that determination. And you and I both know that there is some slippage there. I just, I guess, for the record, but I'm not comfortable in that either. And I would be much