

that's the best we can do. And what it will tell you is that the majority of states do provide for some sort of cash assistance, at least back in 1992 they did, to pregnant women prior to the birth of their child. The figures I've got range from about 32 to 37 states that have taken that action and somewhere between 13 and 18 states have taken the step envisioned by LB 658, Senator Pirsch's bill, which doesn't allow for a cash payment until the birth of the child. So there are a number of states, at least 13, perhaps as many as 18, at least in 1992, that have taken this step but the majority have provided for some cash assistance prior to the birth of the child. And that varies from the sixth month, seventh month and even into the ninth month, and then there are some special needs assistance that that is provided by some states after the sixth month. I think only one state, Massachusetts, does as we would do if this bill doesn't pass. So I guess I'm one of those that strongly supports not going back to the policy that we once had as one of only two states in the country that provided cash assistance from the time at which the mother was identified as being pregnant, qualified for ADC. But the question has been and in committee it was, do we start the cash payment at six months or do we wait till the child is born? The committee chose to go to when the child is born and with the extra savings from that put that into prenatal care and I guess that's the trade-off and option that you have to decide whether or not you want to take. The handout is going around right now so if you have questions about that. One of the things I must give a caveat on that is that the information is old and it was not done by my office. It wasn't done by the Research Office, in fact, we're not sure who did this. So the source of the information isn't clear. We pulled it out from a previous file but it's the best information we have right now to tell you what the states have done in this area. So I can't vouch for its accuracy, obviously, today. We're trying to find that out for you and we will. I do know, in terms of the prenatal care, that there are 34 states that were above the 133 percent, so two-thirds of the states have taken the step that's envisioned by the committee amendment, which you adopted. So I do know that, and I have information about that as well. Many have gone to the 185 percent; some have gone to the 150 percent that the committee amendment went to. But, in any event, the policy issue for you is the cash payments on ADC, do we start them at the point at which the baby is born? Do we start them at six months, or do we not do anything, allow them from the point at which the mother is known to be pregnant? So that's kind of the