

three options that are out there. The prenatal care, we picked 150 percent in committee. There are other options up to 185 percent that are available as options and that's something to consider as well. We also need to keep in mind that welfare reform will, under the bill that we passed last year, not provide for additional cash payments to children born after the mother is on ADC. So the bill that's before you of Senator Pirsch, in a way, we already took some of the step on this with the passage of the welfare bill last year.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: So this bill would primarily affect mothers not now on ADC and I don't think it would be applicable to any mothers on ADC and then having a child because we've already covered that in the welfare bill. So we're really talking about those new to the system having a child or becoming pregnant. So that's just a quick summation of the issues and I would be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, despite Senator Pirsch's prayerful hope, there will be discussion about those who care about children and those who don't. This is the state version of what's happening at the federal government where they pick the weakest, the most vulnerable and helpless to attack when, by doing so, they don't touch the budget. They don't touch the deficit. We're talking about four hundred and something thousand dollars of state money in this bill that Senator Pirsch is bringing to us. The other part that would make it over a million dollars, six hundred and something thousand dollars, comes from the federal government matching it. So there's not going to be even \$1 million in savings of state money, but even if there were, the amount of harm that can be done by that is not balanced by the relatively few dollars that are going to be taken in. I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, does the Governor's budget contain money to continue providing assistance for poor,