

mothers who would still remain eligible for prenatal care, delivery care, postpartum care, food stamps. You know, a woman doesn't need to eat more when she is pregnant, she needs to eat well and healthy as she does the rest of the time. I will go on with the list. After food stamps is vouchers from the Women, Infants and Children Program for more nutrition, and nutrition education from WIC. I think that's very important and that's, indeed, why I supported Senator Wesely's amendment. Supplemental foods from WIC, health care referrals from WIC, day care under Title XX, if, indeed, she has another child, transportation under Title XX. You've seen the newspaper stories about the millions of dollars that we spend and give to the taxicab companies; homemaker services under Title XX, medical transportation, housing assistance. Please don't tell me that we do not try to help these people who are truly in need. Now I want to give you some data from the green book. This is an overview of entitlement programs by the Committee on the Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives. For a single woman, never having been married, the average stay on AFDC is 9.33 years. For every other category it's about 50 percent of that. The separated category is about two-thirds of that. The really stark difference though and the one that is the most alarming is the percent of those categories that will have AFDC spells of ten years or more. Nearly 40 percent of single women who have never been married have spells on AFDC of 10 years or more, compared with 13.7 percent of those who have been divorced, 10 percent of those who have been married. There is a clear relationship to the incidence of poverty and dependency with women who have never been married and who have illegitimate children. A continuation of the status quo, more money is not going to help the situation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Accountability, we are talking about, is changing that incentive in welfare and this is a significant way to begin.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, Senator Chambers, I want to clarify a thing I said. The Governor did cut out the first two trimesters. That is accurate. I was not quite as conversant with Senator Pirsch's bill. Hers does go a little further, but the Governor did cut out the first two