

available for any expectant mothers. The advance cash is described as special needs payment, but the special needs related to pregnancy are already provided for in other programs, and I handed that out for you. There is absolutely no accountability for this money. Now, Senator Crosby, you and I talked about this in 1992 and you gave us some statistics for Nebraska, and the one that caught my eye was in Nebraska, this is the fact now, in Nebraska the average ADC family has two children with 79 percent of these children 10 years old and under. I'm sorry, when my youngest child became six I had to go to work. Now, but more relevant is, over half of the children on ADC, 54 percent, have fathers that are or were married to their mother. That leaves 46 percent of children on ADC then whose mother never married, is...and I asked Senator Crosby if that would be correct, and then I went on to say, well, it's really amazing to me that only 54 percent have fathers that are or were married to their mother, and, of course, if these children have fathers and we are getting tougher on child support, but where do you go if 46 percent of those children never had a father, so to speak? And that is one of the whole problems that our welfare system has done, I believe. We have encouraged parenting without marriage. We have encouraged teenagers to move out of the house because they get more money if it is an ADC house. And now we are talking about where has the family gone? Where have the family values gone?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: We have done things that are incentives to destroy our family values and to destroy the family and to take responsibility of the father as well as the mother from supporting these children that they create. And I don't think the government should be taking over what is the father and the mother's responsibility, along with the mother. Those who say we are punishing these women by eliminating the need for them to seek cash assistance from the fathers, from their families, Senator Crosby talked about the parents not on ADC, should not they be helping then this child who becomes pregnant? They're extended families.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. Senator Crosby hit on an issue, I think, that we need to