

remember and that is that she suggested that we should remember what we are doing for Nebraska and Nebraskans rather than what the federal government is doing. I think you all know that in the federal government that there is a tendency to pass, at least the last year, I think there is a tendency to pass many of the incentives that federal government had to the state and then have them do this themselves, and that's probably going to continue for a while. And I think there's been a big issue about unfunded mandates. I think that goes right along with it. We have been guilty in this Legislature of providing for unfunded mandates for our citizens. That's a little off the issue but I think that when we think about what we're doing for Nebraskans we have to remember what kind of people we are. Two issues strike me on this piece of legislation, and if you will note, I didn't support these out of committee. One of the issues is if it could encourage an abortion, I couldn't support it anyway. The other issue is I just don't think Nebraskans do this to Nebraskans. We are...we are penalizing a child to get at the mother and I don't think that this is what we are about. I think we are here to provide help for these people, these individuals, the...regardless of what other advantages are available, the cash assistance is so important I think, for us to provide for our unprotected individuals. Senator Chambers, I think, was chastising me a little bit for not standing up and talking about this legislation earlier, and I guess that's all right, I can handle that. But I had my light on for quite a while, Senator Chambers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and members. I got some of the testimony that was at the hearing on LB 658 and one that I liked very much was from Barb McPhillips, an obstetrics nurse from Columbus, and on the Board of Nebraska Right to Life. And one of the things she mentioned that I think is important to know that are 22 pregnancy help centers located around the state which have been spawned by the pro-life movement. They go under the names of Crisis Pregnant Centers, Birthright and other names. But one of the things that women have to contend with when they are abandoned, and this is, again, most of these women that we're talking about are abandoned. They don't have a husband who is helping and you can look at statistics, and I look at them too, because they tell us things, but these women that we're talking about don't have a husband who is around. They don't have a family who will help them. Some families