

SENATOR CROSBY: ...birth...miscarriage. So I think, again, as I've said on the welfare reform bills, nobody can be against how services...to reform and improve how services are delivered. Nobody can be against that. But we have to remember that we are dealing with human beings here and that the caseworkers and those people that are working one on one with them are the ones who know what's going on. So, thank you, I'll speak again. I may pass this letter around because I just think it's a really good one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Lieutenant Governor and all the other roles that were assigned to you yesterday, just wanted to interrupt the discussion here today, and I hope it doesn't distract from the flow, but I just want to make sure everybody is aware that today is, in fact, priority deadline designation day, which means that by the time we adjourn those letters have to have somehow been from my office up here to the Clerk's desk so that they can be read into the record. That's for committee priority bills and individual senator priority bills. As we look at the list, there's probably half a dozen slots for each one, under our rules, that those need to be read in by today. So be so warned that if you don't have your priority bill in by today, you certainly don't have to choose one, but it will be assumed that you chose not to select one. Thank you very much for the time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers, your light is next, followed by Senator Pirsch and Senator Preister.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, based on some figures from one of our departments, the amount expended in the fiscal year 1984-85 on AFDC was \$23,565,234. In 1993-94, it was \$23,580,176, or a difference of \$14,942, a difference of less than \$15,000 in terms of more being spent in 1993-94 over 1984-85. I have talked about this in the context of abortion and I will do it again. When we're talking about the woman's right to have an abortion, my personal preference and feelings are totally irrelevant as far as a determination of the woman's right to make that choice. But when we're on an issue such as this, I feel free to express my preference and what it is that motivates me. I wish no woman