

to bring it out of committee. There's no big mandate here for this bill. So think about all the things that have been said. I'm going to vote for Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to point out to you that it would not return to as it is presently if you do not...if you vote for Senator Chambers' amendment. It would mean that it will revert back to the entire nine months. As it is now we do just the last trimester. But Senator Chambers, I think, misspoke when he said it will be like it is now. It will not. It will be again from the moment of confirmation of pregnancy, and not just the last trimester. I just wanted to make that clear. And I want to tell you, Senator Crosby, I did not support the legislators retirement, and I'll tell you why, because taxpayers are sick and tired of their dollars being spent by us for those kinds of programs that they see not working, and indeed instead of lifting people up, keeping them down, keeping them poor. Our charities, I think, have leveled off because we have come to the social mindset that, let government do it, let the federal government do it, let the state government do it, let the city, let the county do it, why should we do it? But the taxpayers are sick and tired of it, of us spending their dollars at ever increasing hundreds of millions for programs like this. How can the unborn child benefit from the \$71 cash payment? And I might tell you that this goes on and on so that's the 12 months, \$3,516, and every child you have adds another \$852 to that. So, yes, sometimes this is an incentive. No, I know that there are people who make mistakes, that happens to all of us. But I do not think we should reward it. I do not think we should give financial incentives when this is strictly cash, has nothing to do with...the mother can still work, the mother can have all the health benefits. And how in the world can \$71 cash help the child? That escapes me. And being poor didn't used to be...didn't used to mean that your children were poor in school, or that your children were more poor. As Senator Preister said being poor if it's a state of your pocketbook, is different than if it's a state of your mind. And being poor in spirit is a dreadful thing to be. If you pass it on to your children that they are not going to achieve in school, that they are not going to be able to rise above, that isn't the spirit of America. Being poor is not a sin, and certainly supposedly we have had in our past...