

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, since we're under call I'm going to ask that the house stay under call and those that are not in, check in, and naturally that will be taken off my closing time. And, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to use all of my five minutes. And when it appears that we've all checked in I will just stop. One point I want to emphasize, because many of you were not here during the discussions, in the fiscal year 1984-1985, \$23,565,234 was spent on the ADC program; 1993-94, \$23,580,176 were spent, a difference of \$14,942. We don't have a growth of millions of dollars. The difference between the amount expended, '83-85, and '93-94 was \$14,942. I don't want to reduce it to a dollar and cents argument. What this amendment will do is leave the state where it is in terms of granting assistance to poor women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy. That is what this bill will do. And it will keep in place the agreement made in 1992 that the provision of the three months will sunset in July. Then we will be where the state was before the 1992 special session, which took away assistance from the point of conception. That agreement, in 1992 when they were going about this cost-cutting, was that instead of granting assistance to a poor woman from the point of conception to birth would occur only during the last three months of pregnancy. My amendment strips everything out of this bill, except the committee amendment which Senator Wesely discussed in detail yesterday. And even though one person has not checked in yet, I'm going to end my close.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We're waiting for Senator Brown. Senator Chambers, we're unable... Senator Chambers, we're unable to find Senator Brown. Would you like to wait? Thank you, Senator. The question before you is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 658. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1101 of the Legislative Journal) 16 ayes, 21 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chambers amendment fails. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.