

sleep. Baby clothes, anybody have a baby and see how quickly kids outgrow clothes? Anybody have a baby to see how quickly they outgrow diapers? These things add up. And this, to me, makes it a no-brainer. If you have to force someone to live on the kind of money that we're talking about, they're not going to be choosing life. And if we want to...I think Senator Crosby has said this over and over, this is a life issue. If you want them to choose life, make it possible for them to do it. What we do is we take any means of subsistence for them and then we criticize them for choosing what the only option that's left, the only option we leave for them and we criticize them for doing it. I think Senator Pedersen's amendment is absolutely on line. At least give the incentive during those last three months. At least have the incentive be to choose to carry that child to term rather than to terminate early on because you simply have no other alternative, because you can't afford it. We're talking about...we're not talking about huge dollars. We're...in the...when we talk about prioritizing maybe we have to vote no on some other priorities. For me this is a priority. I'm going to vote for the Pedersen amendment and I would hope, I would hope that this Legislature would be willing to do that small amount.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I need to speak on this again because I spoke to a couple people and heard some things that I really can't believe. This is not that I've turned liberal. This is a moral issue. What we're going to do to help some young ladies in their last trimester of pregnancy who have nothing. This is something that we need to do. As I said, most of you are grandparents, some of you are young parents. But when your daughter or son calls and said you've just had an unexpected grandchild, or you've just had an unexpected child come into your lives, and they have no help for them, it's going to happen to you people. It happens today in this society. It's happened in my life, which I thought it never would. But in today's society we have a lot of it and we need to do this one little part that we have already been doing. This amendment does nothing more than take the sunset clause off from what is already there. Another statement I heard was, you know, I wish I could have got this kind of money when I had children, my pregnancies were unplanned. But back then we had...you could take care of the children. This isn't for those people who can take care of their children, this is to help