

those people out who cannot and to get ready for that pregnancy. And as I look around in here, most of us have experienced going through a pregnancy, either being pregnant themselves or being the parent, the father. You remember them last few months of them times o... getting tight and trying to get things ready. And if you come from a family like I did, it was not a poor family my wife and I both worked, but my wife didn't work in the last few months of her pregnancy, that there was...that we've had...we made it fine. But if you come from a family where you both don't work and the one does not make any money at all, possibly the mother in most cases and can't work, then you need to have something to help out. Again, people, this is not a liberal issue, this is a moral issue. This is the least we can do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to make a couple quick points in response to Senator Pirsch. And I know Senator Pirsch is very sincere in her approach to this matter. And we're all trying to figure out how to solve the problem of teenage pregnancies, and there's...and there are different paths and there are huge uncertainties in any path that you choose. Certainly in a historic, philosophic sense the path that Senator Pirsch is advocating as being tried more often or experimented with more often, certainly in Nebraska, where we have gone from funding nine months to funding only three months, we've come a long ways in that direction. But I think there are some very real questions about whether we're not...whether we are moving too fast or not because I'm not sure it's all clear that what we're doing is helping the situation. I was trying to get some information on that, but as far as I know it doesn't appear to be helping the situation in terms of teen pregnancies. In any event, the two points I wanted to make were simply these, first of all with respect to the committee amendments, I appreciate the fact that Senator Pirsch has accepted those committee amendments and is, in fact, advocating them. It does fit in with her philosophy of trying to prevent welfare and trying to help those families that are on the edge of welfare and keep them off of welfare. I think that part of the bill is really excellent. But that part of the bill does deal with different people. It does deal with people who are fiscally on a level slightly higher than those that we're talking about. And so although one can view it as a trade-off fiscally, I'm not sure it's a trade-off in the sense of which