

there was no evidence signalling a marked increase in abortions because of the cap. Two interesting facts that Senator Chambers did not underline, but that I think are very important. Nebraska's bill, 455, in fact, conservatives have a hard time with because we are actually going to be spending more money. We are going to be spending a lot more money on this bill, I would predict. But let's look at the family cap that was featured in that article. It's not...it's not the principle of putting on a cap or of causing women, particularly this Ms. Haley who at 16 decided to have a second child on welfare, a second child. Now that's her right and if she, at 17, wants to have two children without obviously a father or any other support but the state, then I guess we can't...we can't stop her. But that is not the purpose. The principle is if you want to have children, that's wonderful. I have six wonderful, intelligent, beautiful children, but if you do intend to have more children and you are on welfare, don't ask our struggling, young families in Nebraska to pay for them. That's the whole principle. It is a free choice but it is not a free choice if you have those others who are on the borderline struggling to pay their own way, struggling to raise their own children to be forcibly by their taxation to pay for them. Family planning is a necessity for most of us. We make choices as to our work, our lifestyle, marriage and children, and that is something that we are asking by LB 455 for those who would live at other people's expense...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...to make correct choices and not rely on other people to pay for those choices. I hope you will look at the World-Herald article that Senator Jensen passed out. The bottom line is there are two types of unmarried girls and women getting pregnant, those who want to and those who do not. But if you support or pro-lifers who oppose welfare reform on the grounds that it will increase abortion are assuming that we are stuck with the ethos of irresponsibility that has been encouraged by...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...current welfare policies.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jensen.