

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Pedersen's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Pedersen amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Pirsch would move to amend. Senator, I have Am1113 in front of me. (See page 1220 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I don't know if there is a page number, but you might want to look it up.

CLERK: 1220, Senator.

SENATOR PIRSCH: AM1113 will remove the committee amendment which established the Medicaid increasing the eligibility to 150 percent of poverty. It would return the bill then to dealing only with the AFDC cash payment, and it would be, as Senator Day's bill is, or was, which does allow for the AFDC cash payment to be the last three months of the pregnancy of those eligible for AFDC. When I agreed to the committee amendment, it was with the understanding that it would be my original bill that that would be attached to, which would not provide for a cash payment until the child was born. The body chose to adopt an amendment to return that to the last trimester after six months of pregnancy, and that is the will of the body. However, the budgeted, in the Governor's budget, which was discussed, the A bill or the amount in the budget was only for that last three months of pregnancy. It did not include the committee amendment, which would expand the amount of money for those at 150 percent of federal poverty level instead of the present 133 percent. So I am offering this amendment to put this bill back as the Governor proposed it, as Senator Day's original bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Lindsay and Crosby.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the legislature, this is one of those amendments which, when it was added, was thoroughly discussed and debated. Senator Pirsch expressed her