

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Pirsch a question. Senator Pirsch,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Based on your understanding of this program, does it apply to women who are married or only to those who are unmarried?

SENATOR PIRSCH: It would be married or unmarried.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we have a situation...

SENATOR PIRSCH: They simply would qualify by 150 percent of the poverty level.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it is clear...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Presently, it is 133 percent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it is clear that we are not talking about what was discussed so much the other day under the welfare bill, LB 455, these young promiscuous single women running around here doing these things we don't like.

SENATOR PIRSCH: No, that is what original LB 658 was aimed at.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what you want to do is strike the language that would give this assistance to poor pregnant women, whether married or single, is that correct?

SENATOR PIRSCH: It would not...it presently is not 150 percent. Presently, we are giving that prenatal care to poor women.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Pirsch, the amendment that you want to strike...okay, right, what I am trying to get at...

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Inaudible)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and you want to take away that little bit of additional that would be offered by this. How much money