

understand she may be smarting because she had indicated in some of her remarks that some kind of an agreement had been reached or a deal struck. I don't strike deals on issues of this kind. I did not enter into any kind of agreement. The only agreement which anybody could hear me say that I am a party to, and it might not be an agreement because maybe I am the only one who feels this way, is that when a woman is poor and she is pregnant and she wants to carry the pregnancy to term, any assistance the state can give to make sure that pregnancy is going to be carried to term, and the mother and the infant born will be healthy, I am going to support extending that aid. That's what I am going to do, and I will do it even though I am condemned to hell, in the minds of those who feel that's where everybody who supports a woman's right to abortion will go. Well, hell bound though I may be, and I will not apologize to anybody for being hell bound, hell bound as I may be, perhaps, in my lost and depraved moral state, I can give some illumination to those who claim to have the light and walk in the light. I am saying that your morality ought to be at least the equal of mine. We are not dealing in abstractions now.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We are dealing in concrete instances of poor women who are pregnant and need medical help to make sure or to ensure to the extent possible, that there will be born into the world a healthy child. Now who can vote against that proposition? There are those who can. There are those who will, but on a day not far behind us our better angels, to use somebody's term, spoke, and under the guidance of those better angels, we put in place this amendment, and Senator Pirsch desires to strike it. I hope there are enough of us who feel as I feel and we will defeat her amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body. I, too, would stand in opposition to Senator Pirsch's amendment. I think that we have...we are duty bound I think to help provide this care for those third trimester babies. I just think that it is essential that we do this. Of course, you know how I feel about this issue because we talked about it a little bit yesterday. I was not successful in my efforts yesterday, but I would hope that we can at least retain this one little bit of sensibility about what we are talking about as far as the