

prenatal condition of our babies in Nebraska. I will not support the amendment and I hope that you will join with me in not supporting it. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Witek, your light is next, to the Pirsch amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, you know, Senator Chambers, nobody, nobody is banishing you to any place, and we appreciate your getting involved in the discussion at all times. At least I do. But this, this bill, I think is one of the most misunderstood of any bill that could possibly come through here. Talking with Senator Wehrbein about an article that was in the paper today about the Appropriations Committee, and trying to get a balanced budget, and try to balance it on actual dollars that we can see, and then having him tell me that we've got nearly, what, between thirty and forty million dollars waiting on A bills for this body, and then having people calling me constantly at home, writing letters constantly about they cannot afford any more taxes, so to me, it is not even a question of what we want or what we should do or any of these other things, but it is what can we do now. What can we do based on trying to do something for everybody who needs our help? That's...that's where...what I would like to do. I realize these women need help, and I have been there. I have done that. I have lived...my first child, we were not making, I am sure we were not even up to poverty level at that time. So I understand what it is to have to, you know, kind of...try to get...borrow what you need for the child that is coming, and try to do what is best for that child that's coming, and those are all concerns at this time. But these individuals are already, they get the medical care, they get the prenatal care, they get delivery, they get postpartum, they are eligible for food stamps, vouchers for WIC for nutrition, nutrition education from WIC, supplemental foods from WIC, health care referrals from WIC, day care after the child is born, transportation to and from the doctors, homemaker service, medical transportation, Section 8 that covers all those areas, job training, legal services, SSI, emergency food assistance, parental aid, family planning, I mean, where can we draw the line? So Senator Pirsch is just saying maybe there are some areas like this where they have got all the prenatal care, all the medical care, everything that they could possibly want at this point, supplemental food