

care, all the things that, you know, we could possibly give them, she is just saying maybe we could balance this a little bit with concern for having the appropriations to pay for everything that everybody needs, and just saying maybe we can balance this a little bit and not give them cash money while they are pregnant. It was accepted several years ago when they had a budget crunch, when they were brought in for special sessions to do this. It was accepted that this is what would occur. Senator Pirsch brought the bill in this year to keep that same provision going, and yet, and I know Senator Wesely wanted to expand it, so there was some discussion there. It wasn't a deal made. It was a discussion of what can we do, and what do we need to do, and what can we do within the confines of the taxes that we are collecting, and there was a compromise struck that this is what would occur. Here on the floor it was expanded and I hope people realize...maybe we should publish now, but I know it will be coming in the next couple of weeks, a list of the A bills that they've already passed in this session. And then say, these are all things that you want, now what can we balance with what we have the money to provide, and this would be an area, to me, that we've already given individuals food, medical care, everything that they could possibly want, we are just asking...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...to take away something that has not been an effect for three years here in the State of Nebraska, and that's that \$70 a month that they get during the last, according to the amendment that we attached, the last trimester of their pregnancy. It is just a balance issue. Nobody is taking money out of the mouth of children, I mean, food out of the mouth of children. They get the food they need, the medical care they need. It is simply saying we are trying to balance with the problem that we are having in this state on too much spending and control a little bit of the spending in this area, and look how difficult it is. It is amazing to me. I don't know how we are going to ask this body to try to cut down on some of the spending when we come to have some of the budget discussions, and I have a sick feeling, sinking feeling, that you are not even going to...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...be able to balance the budget. Thank you..