

tell you all about this, we already at zero growth here on our population, and have been for the last 50 years. So these are statistics that are real, that we are aware of, and that we continue to ignore when it comes to discussions like this and everybody is telling everybody about how we have to help these individuals. We are helping these individuals. We are doing everything within our power, and if you are talking money, then maybe go work in an emergency pregnancy services place. Let's start kicking in through the community, folks. If we can't afford it in tax dollars, then let's give it to them in hard work because that is something I am always willing to do and able to do still. And it is the same thing with campaign financing, if you don't have it in the money, you have got to make it up in the footwork, and that is what we have got to start asking communities to do is if you are going to complain to us about your taxes, then we are going to . . .

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: . . .we are going to go ahead and cut them, and we are going to ask you to back that up with community service.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Pirsch, yours is the last light, would you like to be recognized to close, or do you want to speak?

SENATOR PIRSCH: There are no other lights?

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SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, I think I would like to speak. I might need votes.

SENATOR HALL: Fine. You are recognized to speak to the amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the body. I have been very quiet during the first part of this debate, and I, indeed, voted to close discussion, but I think I need to talk now and, quite frankly, I do have other amendments up there. Let me tell you, I don't know about others who voted for this amendment, but I would not have supported this committee amendment had I known that we were again going to go back to the last trimester. And I just wanted to tell you that I introduced a bill, 658, that would have reduced State General Fund