

do that, but to back off to the six months period. Those...there are others who would rather have that start at three months, a compromise. This bill is a carefully balanced compromise, and we ought not to upset that balance, and so I would ask you to please oppose the Pirsch amendment and realize that if it is adopted there will be some of us...that support for the bill will go away, and we will have a discussion about a number of other issues. So I would ask your support for the bill as it is currently constituted and not supporting the Pirsch amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Pirsch, once again, yours is the last light on. Are you using one of your speaking opportunities or closing?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Speaking opportunity in case someone wants to put their light on again. I did want to respond to the pro-life questions, and I am proud that I have supported the unborn children. And I was sent an article by, and I won't say her name, I don't know if she would like me to, but she lives in Stromsburg, Nebraska, and she has an article cut out of the World, March 11, 1995, which says, "Fear or Faith? Pro-lifers should embrace welfare replacement. And it is by Marvan Olasky, and it said, when children are about ready to go off to college, father's mind starts flashing back to early days. When my oldest son, Pete, was little and my wife, Susan, was volunteering at the crisis pregnancy center, Pete and I used to walk around and play 'the four things game,' in which he was supposed to tell me the essential difference between three items and one other item. For example, I would point out to him a number on a house, a dog, a trash can, and a baby in a stroller, and then ask, "Which is different?" Such a question, of course, can be sliced and diced in lots of different ways though... through multiperspectival views, but Pete gave the answer that warms a daddy's," and, I might add mother's, "heart: 'Baby--'cause he's a person.' The four things game was early SAT preparation, I suppose, or maybe basic pro-life training. But what's depressing these days is that some pro-life groups with good intentions are nevertheless messing up in the four things game. Faced with a governmental welfare system that treats poor women and babies as numbers, or as animals to be fed and petted, and eventually as trash to be discarded, some pro-lifers don't see that persons deserve better. They defend the present system, fearing that a cap on welfare cash benefits will lead to more abortions. Such a defense is difficult, since