

are recognized to close.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I will continue. "For example," those pro-lifers opposed to welfare reform, "would have to fight 'any attempt to hold deadbeat dads responsible for their children, since they would then pressure expectant mothers to have abortions. In general, these arguments abandon any attempt to restore personal moral responsibility, replacing it with short-term financial incentives. But that is exactly the mixture that has produced the present epidemic of illegitimacy and abortion. Why embrace it now?' Let's play an adult version of the four things game. Who is different? A persevering missionary, a U.S. Marine, a conscientious crisis pregnancy center counselor, and Dr. Zarkov of the 1930s Flash Gordon movies? The answer is Dr. Zarkov, who boasts of his travel on 'a rocket ship of my own design.' The other three all realize that we travel on a ship of someone else's design and should obey that superior authority. For the missionary and the counselor the commander is in heaven and not on earth, but all three can have in common the Marine slogan, *semper fidelis*. Christians who care about both unborn and born persons need to be faithful to biblical teaching. If we pray, 'Always successful,' we arrogantly intrude on God's sovereign prerogatives. But if we hope to be always faithful, we cast our eyes on God, the object of our faith, who tells us not to do evil in the hope that good may come. Our goal should be not just welfare reform, and not welfare elimination, but welfare replacement through development of a new system based in churches, private charities, and a culture of responsibility," an individual, and that's my own words, of individual responsibility. I bring you this amendment because of what I had assumed would be an addition to my original bill and which is not. Instead of a legislative bill that would first reduce nearly 4 million from the state budget and then use some of those savings to modestly enhance, which was what the 150 percent did, service-based assistance, with an overall savings of nearly 3.5 million, we have a proposal that maintains the status quo on AFDC pregnancy cash pay and expands the Medicaid program. I have objected to that and I submit this amendment for your proposal, and I have other amendments that have other ways to amend this.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Pirsch amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted?