

others to pay for that kind of a choice. So that is in the welfare reform bill right now. What we are saying now is for that cash, which the amended LB 658 now includes the last three months cash payments to the mother and to each child, that we will say that that cash payments will go only if that mother is pregnant with the first unborn child, because at that stage, yes, maybe that cash is needed for diapers, layette and so forth of the...of the first child. I know by the time our first child, of course, was born you usually acquire all of the accoutrements that children need, that babies need, that toddlers need. And so I...I have...I have felt that in the case of the first unborn child of the pregnant woman, during the last three months of pregnancy, that, indeed, there may be some rationale to do this. I might remind you that if LB 658 does not pass in some form that we will go back to starting cash payments from the first confirmation of pregnancy, in other words, the entire nine months, which will be again the \$4 million that is not in the Governor's budget, and I don't believe it's in our Legislature's budget either. And maybe some of you would like that. Maybe you'd like to see LB 658 fail so we could go back to that cash payment from the first moment of confirmation. I guess that is up to the members of the body and the policy that they want to make. If, indeed, that happens, 658 does not pass with the emergency clause, then indeed we'll go back to paying cash payments from the first confirmation of pregnancy. Of course, the 150 percent of the Medicaid would not be included then because it would just revert back to the old law and there would not be Senator Wesely's proposal to raise the standard of need for prenatal, postnatal care for women and children to 150 percent of poverty. And I don't know, maybe that's a good trade-off. Anyway, I have...I have many amendments that will be coming up that I hope that you will consider carefully if we do not adopt this one. And we certainly should discuss, I think, very fully and very carefully all of these aspects of cash payments to those who are under the AFDC that's Aid to Dependent Children. I also might remind you, too, that Congress, in the House, did pass the provision that will not participate in federal funding for cash payments to 18 and under who become pregnant and are living in an AFDC family. And we have talked about that before, but I don't really know if many of you have really paid attention to this issue, have really seen what has been passed out. The whole concept of AFDC, of course, is to provide that extra services, and I stress services because cash was never a part of this at the beginning, cash was not what we...