

This would say that that woman, who would be on welfare, she would not have any children...or she would have the three children, and then say she was...well, this is only for the first child, so she would not be eligible for that last trimester, if, indeed, she got pregnant or was pregnant when she went on welfare. Is that correct?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: My understanding of what the situation is, is if you come into and need welfare, you will sign a contract, and at that time they will determine, you know, if you're going to have a child within ten months and include it in the contract or not. But any time after that, you're not going to have any child covered.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, I believe the words are ten months. They do give you ten months from the contract, which...which does give a little leeway.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the idea is if you come in and you sign up and...and...well, I see what you're saying.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But what I'm saying is that that woman now, if she has children and she is on welfare that she will rec...and she is pregnant maybe when she comes on welfare and she has other children, or she gets pregnant immediately and has a child nine months after she signs a contract, and it may take a while for people to actually sign a contract, then if that is...it doesn't matter whether it's her first child or not, she will receive the cash benefits in that last trimester.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I mean the key...I'm having trouble following through this. But it seems to me...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that...that the intent is that the situation you're trying to arrive at is already covered, because if you have a child, or after you've come onto the welfare system, you're not going to get the cash payment whether it's three months, last three months or any time after that. So the situation...you're getting into a situation I understand in the grey area of the pregnancy that occurs in the first ten months, and that one, let me think about it a little bit because that's