

on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, we encounter many ironies during debate on political issues. We have the irony of a man, as I've stated before, who's been referred to in the pro-life community as the baby killer. Now here is the baby killer trying to persuade these so-called compassionate lovers of fetuses to help with \$71 a month a poor pregnant woman who wants to carry the fetus to term. Senator Witek stands down there and talks in expansive terms about how generous we have been. Not her, left to her there would be nothing. And what exists now is not generous. And if you'll notice anytime something that is to be harsh, punitive or cruel is before us you can count on the area of the room from which the support for that will come, while at the same time cackling and jabbering about how generous and compassionate Nebraskans are, always dragging out how it was when she was pregnant. Who told her to get pregnant? Nobody. Who cares how it was when she was pregnant? Nobody, that's her personal business. And if she and others want to drag it out in public, fine, but when, in order to prevent poor people from receiving help, individuals are going to drag out their personal business and try somehow to use that to make themselves seem paragons of virtue, it is very distasteful to me, and I will make comments on it. I am far more interested and concerned about these poor women than I am about the feelings of these people who drag their personal business on the floor of the Legislature and think by so doing they'll terminate discussion of the issue before us. I will tell you what my amendment does. And I'm prepared to go to the mat for these that you all refer to as unborn children. You'll notice if we were talking about the right, the right to have an abortion, that corridor out there would be full of people from Washington, DC, Chicago and other places dictating to senators in here how to resist in every way a woman's right to make a choice. All of them would be on the floor, they'd be huddling, telling each other how they can prevent a woman from making that choice. But now that we're talking about a set of circumstances which they in their self-righteousness tell us we, as a Legislature, ought to be interested in bringing about, where are they? You can't find them. And those that you do find, save for Senator Crosby who is always, always at the gate trying to ward off the barbarians, they're either absent or silent. And that's what reveals the hypocrisy, not all this puffing and blowing during campaign time about being pro-life, but dealing with bills that come before us that are designed to help these women carry the pregnancy to