

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch, to speak to the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I do rise to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment, you're probably not surprised about that. But I hope that the men of this body are intimidated by speeches that intimate that somehow you are guilty, because you have taken care of your children and that you must, because you have taken care of your children, take taxpayers money and give that to women and children whose fathers are not taking care of them. I rise not because necessarily of the expense, but because we have enslaved people with welfare over these past years. We have reduced their worth, we've reduced their ambitions and we have reduced their self-reliance. Our goals should not be in creating dependence on government, such as we have found in the last 20, 30 years, we should not be creating dependence on government even to the second, third and now fourth generations. We've passed out a lot of information on examples, and I don't want you to take just one example. The last thing I passed out was about... was an article on Davey Crockett, and I did pass that out with something that was passed out earlier that kind of spoke to what we, as representatives of the people, should be looking at. You're right, we should individually be supporting our churches, we should be supporting individuals directly. But are we to be blackmailed into giving taxpayer money to things that actually encourage and influence people to become dependent? Somebody passed out "The Face of the Single Mother", and I'm quoting from it now. "A recent survey by the Kaiser Foundation and Louis Harris and Associates found that most Americans are fairly well informed about the extent of teen sexual activity, but are far less knowledgeable about the extent of teenage pregnancy. Overall, seven out of ten said the percentage of women who have unplanned pregnancies is 'higher' or 'much higher' than it was ten years ago. Not surprising then that nine out of ten persons interviewed said that unplanned pregnancies are a 'big problem' facing the country with six out of ten saying it was a 'very big problem'. Large majorities of adults also believed correctly that teenage mothers are more likely to go on welfare, less likely to complete high school or go to college, and less likely to find good jobs, reports Mark Smith, executive vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation." And they go on to say, "What's responsible for the increase in unmarried births in the United States", and I will interject, haven't we done more