

that's a badge of honor, Senator Crosby, I think that's just great. You know I'm really sad...saddened I guess by some of the discussion on the floor this morning, because I can remember some philosophical discussions, both on this floor and off this floor, over the last few years about finding common ground between those people who are pro-choice and those who are pro-life. And I always thought that we could find common ground and that there were things that we could work on together that would make the lives of the children better. And this happened to be one area where I thought we could make the lives of the children better by providing that children have an opportunity, once they are born into this world. And I find that the discussion that's gone on here for a number of days over an amount of money that's probably less than \$100,000 is pretty demeaning and pretty sad. I think that the people who are promoting this particular approach are also the people who want to restrict abortion, want to eliminate abortion, they won't vote for funds for family planning when the amendment comes up later on the appropriations bill, and it seems to me that the whole issue here is to punish the mother. Never mind that studies have shown that often young women become pregnant because they want to escape the poverty or the abusive situations that they happen to be in, we still need to punish those mothers, and at the same time we'll be punishing the child. I think it's a sad day. I think that the bill as structured is a compromise that most people can live with. Senator Chambers, I don't know whether I'm going to support your amendment or not. I think I might just to make a point, but I can live with the bill, as somebody said before me. And I think that we should support it and move forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, when it comes to speaking for the poor and the helpless, I have an inexhaustible supply of stamina. So I am prepared, as I stated in the beginning, to discuss this bill and to discuss this bill, the issues that grow directly from it and the ramifications of this bill. I'd like to ask Senator Pirsch a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pirsch,...