

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You won't answer the question. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: What I'm saying is...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...that I don't believe it was ever on birth certificates.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I've...I guess that I was pleased, as Senator Crosby was, with the way that the bill was structured before the amendments have been put up. And at this point I would have to support Senator Chambers' amendment to Senator Pirsch's amendment, although I think it doesn't go quite far enough because Senator Pirsch's amendment still has the onerous part about it, striking these support measures in 1997, I believe. This is an issue I know that becomes difficult for many people. It's really not very difficult for me. I think I agree totally with Senator Crosby and her remarks that when it comes to the support of children, born or unborn, that money cannot be an object. And I believe that's the way that I will continue to vote and I would hope that you would see it that way, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. We've had quite a history lesson this morning, both from Senator Chambers and the article that Senator Pirsch passed out. If you'll notice that article, it also has my initials on it. That was done without my authorization. I had this particular article passed out to you, I believe it was last year, maybe even the year before, and I thought that in the context that I passed it out it made a point. It makes a point again this year on this particular instance. But I talked to Senator Pirsch and I told her that I really wish that she had taken my initials off of it for this particular case. I want to hold the line on the budget just as much as anyone else. But I think that we do need to watch out for the welfare of small children. At this point,