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I have not yet decided what I'm going to do on either of the amendments, but I just wanted everyone to know that this article on Davey Crockett was passed out with my initials but without my authorization. So it's up to you whether you want to believe that this is from me or not, but it most definitely is not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. There are no further lights. Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, you know they say sometimes just farewell, not good-bye. Regardless of what happens to this amendment, I'm not through. And also parting is such sweet sorrow, well, if that.. if ending discussion on this debate...ending discussion on this amendment brings sorrow, I'm going to bring some happiness because I have additional amendments up there. And I'm glad that Senator Hudkins clarified the use of this article. And, Senator Hudkins, to be quite frank about it, you hadn't spoken on the issue, so I didn't make reference to you, but I was troubled. And I accept what you say, and I appreciate the fact that you made it clear because that's one less thing I have to say in my close. See, I don't like to irritate my colleagues unnecessarily. But when it comes to speaking out for these children I think it is very necessary to irritate my colleagues because amendments of the kind that Senator Pirsch is offering create considerable irritation to me. My amendment, if you look at it, is not artfully drawn and it was not my intent to have an artfully drawn amendment. Usually when I draft an amendment, I draft it in the form I would like it to be in if it is adopted. But I don't expect this amendment to be adopted because it would cost money. I know that Senator Derks has been rock-solid on this question of assisting poor mothers in bringing pregnancies to term. There are others who have been just as firm, although they have not been vocal this morning. But it's not necessary that anybody else be vocal because I can take all of the time that needs to be taken, and I do have other amendments which are designed to achieve that purpose. I deem it an honor this morning, Senator Pirsch, to talk to death the effort that you're undertaking. And I am puzzled that somebody who often stands on the floor and talks about the decadence of society, even though that may not be the term you use, will find the word illegitimate when referring to births out of wedlock being too strong and rich for your blood. If we're going to be as direct, if we're going to be as moral, if we're going to be as