

being granted to women from the point of conception after a certain date was reached and Senator Wesely was going to be given an amendment which said that prenatal care would be provided to poor women who are pregnant. When the bill got out here, the battles began. Despite what Senator Wesely agreed to, he is not able to bind the rest of the senators. Senator Pirsch does not want this type of assistance to be available to poor pregnant women. I do want it to be available. I wanted the law to go back to where it would have gone had not Senator Pirsch offered her bill, and what would have happened had she not introduced her bill is that in July a woman who is poor and meets the definition of being poor according to the statute who becomes pregnant would be entitled to \$71 a month assistance as a result of that pregnancy from the time that the pregnancy was medically determined. What we're dealing with now is a series of amendments that Senator Pirsch wants to bring to us because she does not like the fact that the body agreed to add Senator Wesely's amendment relative to prenatal care. That proposition has been in various bills, it has passed the Legislature, various governors have vetoed it. Perhaps if it is attached to this bill it will survive, because if the Governor vetoes this bill in order to do away with the prenatal care, he would reinstate benefits to a poor woman who became pregnant and that benefit would begin from the time that the pregnancy was medically determined rather than during the last three months of the pregnancy. The Governor in presenting his budget, knowing about the earlier arrangement of assistance during the last three months, had provided an amount to cover that. What Senator Pirsch's amendment attempts to do is phase out that coverage and she would phase it out by changing the definition of unborn child. Under her bill without her amendment, people want to say that a fetus at any point of development is an unborn child. Senator Pirsch, by this amendment, wants to say that for the purpose of granting benefits to a pregnant woman, unborn child applies to a fetus only during the last three months or the third trimester of the pregnancy. I don't like that provision. I want to do everything I can to defeat it. I have pledged myself to do all I can to defeat it and that is what I am in the process of doing. If you adopt this amendment that I'm offering to Senator Pirsch's amendment, it would read that the assistance in terms of the last three months of aid would apply until the year 2096 which if I'm calculating correctly is 100 years. At the time that that sunset will occur, Senator Pirsch, myself and everybody in this Legislature will have been sunsetted or harvested by the grim reaper or the