

three months.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, I know that at one time you said you wanted it to be the whole nine months.

SENATOR CROSBY: I would like to have it the whole nine month, but...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh-huh, okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...on General File, when we got the three months, I said okay.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. I...I probably will not support this amendment, but I do appreciate the fact that part of the problem is that there is no accountability for cash payments. And I'm wondering if in the next couple of years that the automatic debit card or other ways that the welfare payments are being changed, both at the federal level, as well as consideration at the local level, if, indeed, this could even be held more accountable. What I really would like to see, Senator Crosby, is that amendment that would hold the father responsible. And this is something that I would like to work on with you, that again through the graphs that I passed out, through our welfare practices we have indeed allowed families to deteriorate, self-sufficiency to deteriorate and the government, who is all knowing, all wonderful, has taken over the role of the supporting father and supporting family in these families. This doesn't address my concerns about the...truly, the cash payment even being accountable, but it is helpful. I have not spoken on Senator Chambers' last amendment, and, indeed, I have quite a few more amendments up there myself so we could talk a long time on this issue. But the amendment that would hold the father responsible I'm looking forward to. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think again that we would have people believe that these people are out having babies for no other reason than they can get \$71 a month. That isn't the way it is. With Senator Crosby's amendment here, and God love her, I don't think I'm going to support this amendment because I think what we're doing is playing into that side saying, you are right, these people are wasting that money, they are grabbing that money and they