

are going downtown and they are drinking it up and gambling it away. I'm telling you people, from honest-to-goodness experience, this is not what is happening. This money is used already in the way that Senator Crosby is laying out. I can think of two cases where it wasn't, and that's when they put the babies up for adoption, in the two cases that I can remember where the money was used for something else other than what it was meant for. Ladies in the Legislature, when you've had your own children, in your last trimester, the things that you do to get prepared for that child is to start buying layettes, diapers, bottles, nipples, and if you don't have the money you can't do that. And these women aren't any different than you, except when they're pregnant...except when they're poor, they don't have the money, and this money has been used for that. I'm just telling you honestly this money is used for that same thing that you have used your money for to get them. And if they don't have the money, they don't get it. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I want to talk about the money a little bit. And I don't see Liz Hruska right now. I talked to her this morning. There was a projection of 525 women that might be eligible for the last trimester. And even if...and these are always projected numbers. It's very difficult on any fiscal bill when you're dealing with the number of people who might ask for a service to pin that down to an exact number. But if you take 525 times \$71 that's \$37,725. Then if you take that times 3 months, because it would only be 3 months that she's getting it, that \$113,175. If you take the 293, if she becomes eligible for the \$293 per month because this is her first child and she goes on for the last trimester, and again the hypothetical figure of \$525 (sic), that's 153,825 times the 3 months, would be \$461,475, almost a half a million. But I've seen us toss a half a million dollars into all kinds of programs around here that are not as pertinent to real people as this money is. And so when...I think we have to keep that in mind that these are real people, that it's an unborn baby that we're talking about, or little ones that are already here when we talk about ADC money. The other thing, when you talk about accountability, I suppose again we could have...when they're going to have her sign the contract, they could figure out some kind of grant request. And as they do in the Arts Council, or any other kind of grant forms you have to send back proof that you spent the money, so she could keep all