

I want to assure Senator Crosby that she's not babbling. I listened to what she said, I listened to Senator Pedersen, I listened to what Senator Pirsch said. Senator Pedersen, though, has swung me around to his way of thinking. The value of Senator Crosby's amendment is that it shows no matter what is offered, Senator Pirsch is not going to go for it. They say they're concerned about how the money is spent, so Senator Crosby wants to put into the statute language which we would agree probably is demeaning because it's saying that these women are so lacking in trustworthiness that we have to build into the statute how they'll spend \$71, when we give millions and hundreds of millions to political subdivisions, make all kind of tax breaks available to others without this kind of accountability. But what could have been done that might have satisfied Senator Pirsch is if we would put tracking devices in whatever money these women were given. And we would code the tracking device to the DNA of each woman, then we would know exactly where this money was spent. We could run some DNA tests and determine whether or not she, in fact, spent this money where some people seem to be so concerned about her spending it. I am persuaded by what Senator Pedersen has said, and I regret that he has taken the position that he may not speak much on this bill. It is essential that those who see what is being attempted by the bill in its present form, seeing what that will accomplish, and will stand against what amendments of the kind that Senator Pirsch is offering would accomplish. I don't know why harshness is always the key to the offerings of some members of the Legislature. It's the same way as in England where you couldn't find a judge who ever was in favor of mitigating punishments but was always in favor of multiplying offenses and making the punishments harsher. It seems that that gives some people a good feeling, and I, for the life of me, cannot understand why. When I was small I didn't get pleasure out of doing what I actually saw other kids stick straight pins in the eyes of grasshoppers, and I saw them do other things that I didn't understand how they could find in their heart to do, because insects were so much smaller than human beings. And the grasshopper didn't hurt anybody. And if the grasshopper would land on a person and the person would move, the grasshopper would flee first. So cruelty somehow seems to be incorporated into people's code or standard of values. They seem to think they're not doing anything helpful unless they are making a heavier burden for somebody to bear, or increasing somebody's pain, or aggravating their misery. Then their head can rest at ease on the pillow at night. That is not my attitude toward