

that as being a constructive or worthwhile thing to do. If a child is born why do we say that the child should be put in a position to do without? If there are other children the mother is going to diminish what is available for them to help the new child. She will have made that determination to have the child and the child is now in the world. And the feeling seems to be that through this social engineering people can force others to behave in a way that they choose. I know the World-Herald Editorial Board loves that idea, they probably go to sleep and sleep more soundly knowing that the Legislature in the process of being judgmental and doing all it can to punish these women who behave in a way that the World-Herald Editorial Board does not approve. I don't have to approve of what they do to say that the children should not be the victims. So I'm in support of Senator Dierks' amendment and I do intend to speak on it again.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Mr. Chairman, I question this amendment on the basis of germaneness. We are...he is trying to amend Section 68-1724, which is not the part of the amendment that we are on.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. We'll keep that under advisement. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to argue why you feel it is germane?

SENATOR DIERKS: The amendment is to 68-1724 and we talk about that in the bill. I think that as you go through that piece of legislation and make a determination as to germaneness you'll see that we're dealing with the subject matter of health care services to pregnant women, and I guess I think that that is germane.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The Chair will take under advisement both arguments and give you a decision here in a minute. Senator Pirsch, I'm going to rule, and certainly it's open for any motions on the body, that it is germane. And I'm making that ruling based on page 2 of floor amendment 271, which is the first division. It does reference 68-1724, and it is talking about awarding Aid to Dependent Children payments, and I believe that would be sufficient to make the amendment by Senator Dierks germane.