

public to support them is going to be a touchstone for the public as to whether that credibility in the system is restored. And if you go along with this, if you delay this, the public is going to say, ah, same old stuff again. And so I'm hoping that we will hang tough on this particular item because I think it's important to the selling of the whole reform to its..to the public and in that essentially preserving a decent welfare system, which I think is good for everybody. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Crosby, Pirsch and Schimek.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry, I didn't speak loudly enough. I wanted to convey the rest of my time to Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely, you have approximately two minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Witek got up and talked about how we had made an error, and I'd like to correct her error in that we haven't made an error. (Laugh.) If you follow that you're doing very well. But she was talking about, under the question about Senator Pirsch has always raised about the...do we pay the last three months, or do we not pay the last three months on the unborn. There is a provision you'll find on page 3 of the original bill that talks about a reference to a subdivision, and that is amended by this so that we don't end up with a situation where you do the three months for the unborn and then you...with the family cap you don't do that beyond. So we...I think everything is harmonized. We recognize that, and I think everything should be fine. But we're not going to be in a situation where the unborn child gets three months of cash payment and then when they're born they don't, no. It's after...after you come in and sign a contract and at that point should you become pregnant you will not be getting any payments either for the unborn child or beyond that, when the child is born, for cash. You will get the medical care, you'll get the food stamps, you'll get that assistance, the child will get that additional assistance. So...but the cash money, that does not come forward either in the situation of the child being unborn or when the child is born. So I hope