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SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Bohlke, you are recognized on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I was not on the floor for part of the debate last time and certainly what Senator Wesely said as far as we need to be reminded that we are going to continue to give food, continue to give energy assistance, continue to give medical, those are the most important things to a family and certainly to the well-being of a child when we discuss this. And so the other question that people often put to me is, do you think that anyone would have another child just to \$71 a month? No, I don't think that would be the single reason that anyone would decide that, but I think very few decisions are made on a single reason. I think that there are numbers of issues one considers when they're making a decision and that very well could be part of the decision, part of that decision knowing that there would be extra money there. As I have stated before, many times as we approach the areas of welfare and certainly on emotional issues like this, I think we look at how typical families handle the very...this very same topic and how they handle it is knowing that if they have another child, that means that it's going to be more financial responsibility to the family. And then they make that decision as if that's...if they go ahead and have that additional child, there will have to be sacrifices. They don't make that decision and decide if they go ahead and have that additional child, they're going to go out somewhere and find additional money. That isn't how it works. That isn't how it works in the majority of families across this country. What they decide to do, many families certainly is family planning and that's really what we're talking about. For those who decide not to then we're talking about having to share and not have as much probably by having larger numbers if finances are a problem. That's a choice that they make. We're simply saying that in that decision-making here that we are not going to give additional money for making those choices. It doesn't happen with families who aren't on welfare and that's what I think when people say why people are so opposed to this, certainly it's not the \$71, but it is the philosophy and it is the idea of responsibility that people say that the general public have to live by and that's, in essence, part of why we have welfare reform, in assisting people to realize that responsibility is very important and that when you make decisions they should be