

Senator Wesely? Yeah, he's nodding, that's true. So I think this child support thing is sort of a fallacy for me, that it doesn't really add up to much for the family. But as I understand it, I want to go over that again, you say in this bill that if they are getting child support then they will get 100 percent of it, that DSS won't take any of it and they won't reduce any other benefits, right? Okay. I just want to be sure about that because that helps a little, but I still don't like the idea of punishing the child for being born. It's not the child's fault. And whether or not they get child, if they're only getting like \$25 a month child support, remember that what ADC, the benefit would be, \$71 a month. So I think that's a real risk for us to just arbitrarily again, these are arbitrary things, say if she has another baby within that certain length of time that child is not going to be covered. I think that's arbitrary and it does not meet the need for the child. It puts pressure on the family's other resources if she has any kind of job. It puts pressure on all of that. I don't see how that helps. I don't see how that helps the family get off welfare. I think it's going to enhance her chances of staying on welfare. So I am going to support this amendment, but I did want to go through all that so all of you understand how it works now and how the sponsors of the bill say it's going to work. I just want to be sure that we do know both sides of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Coordsen wishes to announce that the following guest is visiting the Legislature. Melvin Vavra is here visiting from his district under the north balcony. Mr. Vavra, would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Dierks, your light is next.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. It just appears to me that it's a rather unkind addition to our rules to take away that \$71 that would normally be applied to any of these new babies that are born but are not under the current legislation 10 months after a family has gone onto the contract. I don't think it amounts to that many dollars. I know that it is an incentive for people to have more babies, Senator Wesely, I don't think that that's going to happen. I'd be awfully surprised that \$71 would induce people to become pregnant and I think that it might induce people to end their pregnancy and I would like for that not to happen. The purpose of the amendment is very simple. And I'd like to remind you, I passed around an editorial earlier by the Lincoln Journal dated March 28 in which they said, Welfare, "Don't