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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I call these tawdry little lunches and dinners that are put on for these legislators. Over-awed, bug-eyed, bedazzled, because the big shots are going to give them a free meal and rub elbows with them over the noon hour then ridicule and make jokes about them the rest of the time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler. Excuse me, there is an amendment.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Pedersen, Lindsay and Beutler would move to amend the bill. (AM0986 appears on page 1110 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, I am Republican, or "Repelican" as you call it, and have some great concerns about this bill. One, the abortion issue that you talked about earlier is something that's very dear and close to my heart. And I don't want this to be encouraging more abortions, and I know that's different than what you're talking about, Senator Chambers. But this amendment, colleagues, leaves it where it is, the three months, the last trimester of the pregnancy. There's a lot of young ladies out there who have to go on nothing, absolutely nothing. And these three months of payment have been help, believe me. The young people that I know have gone through this, it's a big help. I'm 53 years old and things have changed a lot since I was in high school and it has for most of you in here. A lot of you are grandparents or soon will be grandparents. There's a few of you that are young parents, but we have a lot... a lot of young people having unplanned pregnancies today and without help. In a case that was closer to me was a young lady who worked very hard and wanted to work through her pregnancy, but in the last trimester was diagnosed with toxemia. And most of