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slipping away if children do not have a family that is self-sufficient and a larger family that is encouraging of one another. I think that needs the father of those children. If someone on welfare gets married in that last trimester they will not receive these cash benefits, they will not receive the other welfare, unless of course the father of their child, if indeed they decide to marry the father of their child, is low income also. So why get married? Why get married? Why indeed involve the father of your child because the state will pay you cash, the state will take care of you, the state will give you all the benefits you need. And indeed if you get pregnant, and we all know unplanned pregnancies happen many times within marriage as well as outside of marriage, but if that does happen, an unplanned pregnancy and you're not married, then what is the incentive for the father, what is the incentive for a marriage? I think we are rewarding the wrong things in our society, and I think that's being proven as we have tried more and more to solve the problems of the great society and to help more and more people, indeed we are destroying families, we are destroying the work ethic, and I think we're destroying the fabric of America. I will not support LB 658.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. The question before you is the advancement of LB 658. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I'd like to have a call of the house, please. Oh, no need to now. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Record vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 1110-111 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 5 nays on the advancement.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 658 advances. Items for the record?

CLERK: Yes, Madam President, I do. Enrollment and Review reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 37 and recommend that same be placed on Select File; LB 37A, LB 300, LB 430, LB 494, LB 837, those on Select File. Business and Labor Committee reports LB 888 is indefinitely postponed. Judiciary Committee reports LB 750 to General File with amendments attached. A hearing notice from the Appropriations Committee, that's offered by Senator Wehrbein. Priority bill