

February 21, 1985

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I understand that you had a productive day yesterday. I want you to know that Patty Beutler also had a very productive day. While you were lowering the interest rate to nine percent, she was producing a boy who was almost nine pounds, eight pounds, ten and a half ounces. He'll be Samuel Hershey Beutler with his great grandfather's first name, his mother's maiden name, and my surname, of course. He was in perfect health. He was all nice and pink, except that he had one very black and blue nose, which is not of much consequence, but I mention it to you, I guess, for a couple of reasons. First of all, so that you know how thankful Patty and I were that he was in good health, but, secondly, just to show that he's illustrating already some very astute political sense. You see this nose comes from a little bout that he had with a pelvic bone. The pelvic bone seemed to take his passage rather personally. I don't know what the bone of contention was with the contending bone. I suppose it had to do with the fact that he had his nose up in the air which, of course, always is taken offensively by the opposition. At any rate he quickly recognized that the end is sometimes more important than the means, particularly in this case, of course, because his end was in fact his beginning. So he rolled over, as his old man has been known to do on occasion, and headed for daylight. I want you to know, also, that Patty Beutler is not a person...or is a person who has traditionally frowned on all Beutler political compromises, being of the opinion that one should change his or her perception...should never change his or her perception of how things should be done in order to accomplish an end. But in this particular case Samuel's end being her end, and since he had nobly and valiantly struggled towards that end for 15 long hours, she did in fact heartily endorse her only son's first political compromise. Thank you.

(Applause)

SPEAKER NICHOL: I didn't know this was going to invoke debate, but Senator Lamb, you have your light on.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, members, I just wanted to congratulate the Beutler family, and particularly Patty and Chris. I just wanted to say, Senator Beutler, I just wanted to tell Chris that if he would like a black and blue nose to match the baby Samuel's nose, I would be happy to