

need for various things is a societal need and, therefore, society should pay for it. Maybe we should also fund the law enforcement people only from those folks who get tickets. Since you don't get very many tickets you shouldn't have to pay for very much. User fees are wonderful for certain things, but I'm not sure you can make those same arguments for child abuse. Why should my son and his wife who have a...obviously because it's my grandson, a wonderful, darling, little boy, they're not abusing that child. Why should they pay more because they, by choice, got married and then through their marriage license they had to pay more for child abuse even though they're not going to abuse any child? Why should they pay more than somebody that chooses to remain a single person and never have any children? Yet shouldn't that single person who never has any children be concerned about child abuse as well? Shouldn't they help pay the societal costs of child abuse? I do not understand why it should be...the burden should be placed on only certain people just as though they somehow are guilty when all of us as members of society are guilty if this is happening and it is. We should be as concerned about what is happening to the children of this state whether we have any children at all or not or whether we got married at all or not or whether we intend to at all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: I certainly think that Senator Chambers has brought up a good point. I believe this Legislature needs to pass LB 333 and needs to have the guts to fund it and I will support those efforts to do that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I obviously must rise in opposition to the Chambers amendment although I honestly can't understand where Senator Chambers is coming from, Senator Beutler, Senator Vickers. I also appreciate Senator Vickers' kind words with regard to the bill itself with the exception of the funding mechanism. I considered long and hard this method. Earmarking has been a problem for me at times in past years. We went through various methods and decided that this might be the best under the circumstances today in light of our very critical financial condition in this