

will never do again, I think it is presumptuous and wrong for any man to vote in favor of a proposition like that. Now we come to a bill which is related again to the abortion issue and what we think of children. We are saying in this bill that if due to pregnancy there is a threat developed to the life or health of the mother to be or the child, some kind of assistance ought to be made available. I regret that the issue of dollars has arisen even though the amount of dollars is small because it gets us into that barter situation again where we try to place a dollar value on our children and the welfare of those who are the mothers of our children. A society's future inheres in the women and the children and I think a bill as modest as this one is in what it offers certainly should be adopted. Rather than there be arguments against the bill or a need to give long and involved justifications, everything should be said to show why the bill ought to pass and why there is no difficulty for this Legislature in enacting a proposal like this. There are not many people in this Legislature who, with all of our talk about being concerned for the retarded, the disadvantaged, who have those people that we number among our friends, those that we socialize with, so those things boil down to rhetoric. We have a very inexpensive worthwhile proposition before us today and I hope we will pass it. Senator Barrett had a bill dealing with child abuse the other day and everybody spoke in favor of the bill, even those such as myself who were against the funding mechanism. We were concerned about what is happening to children.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We should be concerned about the conditions that can impact on children after they are born and this bill gives us that opportunity. To fail to do so could be a type of societal abuse because we have the means at our disposal to grope or grapple with the problem that we know does exist and I hope that is what we will do. A few years ago former Governor Exon assisted me in getting a bill hastened through the Legislature to provide special diets for poor children. Because ADC did not give enough money to get a nutritious diet, some children who had diabetes and other ailments had to eat a lot of macaroni, potatoes, foods high in starches that you could get a lot of for a little money. So at the end of the month these children would enter these reactions, some of which were life threatening.