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A doctor at the Medical Center in Omaha asked me, could I get something done about it? I talked to then Governor Exon. He told me to get him the information and he would have the then Speaker introduce a bill. I got the information. I was allowed to introduce the bill and we passed it quicker than any bill that had been passed before because we saw the need to help children right now. We have a situation similar to that today and I hope you will vote to advance this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yours was the last light, I believe, so, thank you anyway, Senator DeCamp. Senator Vard Johnson, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I will take only a couple of minutes. LB 201 is a bill that's been before the Legislature in the past. It's a very responsible concept designed to, in a sense, provide good state support systems to pregnant women and particularly to those pregnant women who are at risk of having stillborns or defective children. The risks are diabetes, toxemia, preeclampsia, age and sometimes impoverishment. The measure, when passed and funded and implemented, undoubtedly in the next 10, 15, 20 years will be extraordinarily cost effective to the state, to families and to our society. It is a very responsible prenatal health care legislation. I encourage your support of the bill and the accompanying A bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 201. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting on the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill advances. LB 201A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 201A. (Title read.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.