

a live birth. Continuing these ADC payments is a commitment to the idea that there definitely should be some alternatives to abortion. I would hate to think that action taken by this Legislature would be responsible for a young woman to be forced to abort her child because she did not have sufficient money to provide for herself and her unborn child. Nebraska does have an obligation to care for those in need and who qualify for such help. The ADC program is intended to help mothers with dependent children. Unborn children are also dependent and their mothers deserve help so they can be provided with the necessary care and nutrition that is necessary. I urge you to vote to indefinitely postpone this bill. It takes a simple majority and when we say that we should reduce or cut this program by 20 to 25 percent and yet we'll vote against any other cuts and there are many, many, I think there are 103 cuts, and if this one goes it is probably the first cut that will be actually made to the budget and I just can't understand why we're picking on the unborn child or the pregnant mother that does need help, and I'm talking about low income and sometime no income. Remember there are unwed mothers sometimes that are kicked out of the home. They have absolutely no income whatsoever and they have two alternatives. One, to carry their child through to a live birth or else to abort the child. I urge you to think this over very, very carefully. Let's wait and see what is going to happen to the rest of the cuts. Let's don't make our first mistake and cut a program that is so vitally necessary for the pregnant woman and the pregnant woman that has no funds and actually it is going to cost us, like I said before, a lot more money. Let me tell you what is in the statutes now. It says that it's the duty of the State of Nebraska, and I don't know whether I have it here or not. I believe it is in the statutes that it's the duty of this Legislature and the State of Nebraska to do everything possible as far as the unborn child is concerned so that many of you says, well, you know, we don't encourage abortion, we want to eliminate as many as possible. Yet by adopting this amendment, LB 31 as it now stands, we're saying that the pregnant woman cannot turn to anyone else, cannot turn to the state and in most cases will have to make a visit to the abortion clinic and if you've been near an abortion clinic like I have and watched them hour after hour going in, young women, because they have no funds to take care of themselves and their unborn child, then think back that you at some time or another may be halfway responsible