

quality of life of others by saying there is abuse in the programs. I think what we are doing with the cuts on the unborn children and the pregnant woman is a rearrangement of Nebraska's priorities and of your priorities. We heard on the floor the other day the highway funds should not be reduced because that would deteriorate the highways and they are badly in need of repair. So we decided to maintain the health and well-being of our highways at a cost of millions of dollars but we thought nothing about cutting, and again before I even say this, I want to say that I commend the Appropriations Committee for what they have tried to do. They have done a good job. They have worked long and hard. I know that some of them on the Appropriations Committee did not agree with this cut and I appreciate that also, but if you will look at the cuts, you will see that the unborn and the pregnant mother are getting the largest cut outside of mass transit of any other cut we are making and that to me means that we are not setting our priorities straight. I ask you to help continue to maintain the health and well-being of our unborn as we have decided and did so in the last few years. The last time I was at this microphone, and I sent out a handout to you, I don't know if you had time to read it, I know we are all very busy, but I brought up some of the debate a couple of years ago. I failed to include this. Again this was Senator Fowler's remarks in 1981, and I say it again to you because it struck me as being so appropriate at the time and I know that the pro-life people and the pro-choice people have very, very seldom worked together but this time they are together, we are asking you to put it back and in some cases save a life. And this is Senator Fowler's remarks in 1981. "I do not believe that our state law should encourage women in these types of difficult situations to have abortions. I am interested today to see how many sincere pro-life people they have in this Legislature and how many people have no problem with encouraging abortions by cutting ADC funding for unborn children." That statement alone should be enough and I shouldn't have to take my full ten minutes. I will speak again on the issue because I am sure there will be others that will want to speak on it, too. I have some ideas of my own on what should be cut other than the unborn child and some of the amendments are already up there and I will be supporting those cuts, because I think like the Appropriations Committee, in our own minds and in our hearts we are going to have to set our priorities and just remember even if with this one vote if you save one life and help