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speaking also as a former family and consumer science teacher, that years ago...Senator Jensen said, well, we don't teach these classes. Years ago, we did teach child development classes. And I think that it was an important class to prepare our young people to be parents of the future. Unfortunately, many of these preprograms are no longer done. But I think it's important that the schools do teach this area, particularly also in junior high because many of these young people are doing baby-sitting and deal with infants and young children. So it is an important issue and I am grateful that Senator Thompson brought forth the issue that we might all discuss and support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Further discussion on the motion to return? Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Howard.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I was wondering if Senator Thompson would yield to some questions, please.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Thompson, as a member of the Health Committee, I remember vividly the discussion that we had on your bill, LB 1088. And I also know from personal experience the process of how the discharge happens for a newborn child. In Section 3, you refer to the information, the video presentation and printed materials that are approved by the Department of Health and Human Services. I believe that's on line 11 and 12. Then further down in Section 3, it says that the presentation materials and forms shall be provided by the department, and that's in lines 22 and 23 of Section 3. As I understood the process, we have some hospitals that are currently doing similar methods now to help educate new parents on the risks of sudden infant death and other shaken baby situations. As I read this, it would allow the department to approve nondepartment materials. In other words, if a group had already been doing this, it could be approved by them. But then later on, and the department would have to either purchase that material from them and distribute it or how would you envision those conflicting