

kind of activity by the provisions of this bill. However, she did not guarantee that the grant money will not be used for such a purpose. When you read LB 662 you will notice that it establishes no meaningful parameters as to what constitutes "Prevention, early identification, and intervention services." So my amendment would simply add a sentence which says that the type of "services eligible for funding shall not include performance of or counseling or referral for abortion or distribution of or counseling or referral for contraceptives." Obviously, my concern is that public funds could be funnelled into a range of programs and activities. I would hate, through the broad grant of authority and financing, to end up supporting ideas and programs that I would vigorously oppose, if they were specifically proposed. And I did vote, on General File, to advance LB 662. I think it's important that we tighten this bill up. The intent of the incentive grant program and the way in which it is ultimately implemented are two different things. Adoption of this amendment will give me and others a measure of assurance that the bill will carry out its original intent. I ask your support for my amendment and the amendment would read, as I said, or you have a copy of that in your daily Journal, "Prevention, early identification, and intervention services eligible for funding shall not include performance of or counseling or referral for abortion or distribution of or counseling or referral for contraceptives." I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Labeledz and I have talked about this amendment and I would restate the point I made on General File, and that is really this particular bill is not geared at a population that is of the age that this would be a relevant issue. We are essentially looking at little kids, we're trying to do early intervention and prevention of a range of problems that communities would identify. I appreciate Senator Labeledz's concern about her issue. I think she feels a commitment and obligation to bring it up. But you have before you a handout of how the small grants that have been put out so far under this, it says Liz Hruska at the top, it's in the center, and it is a memo from the Budget Office of Research and Planning, subject: Community Incentives Grants. If you look at the kinds of things that money is currently being put out for, it is, for instance, \$5,000 to the Task Force on Severe