

place and I need to...this would be additional monies that would be, basically, for the most part, spread out amongst the more rural areas of the state. I have got a handout here that I will get out to you. The funds would be spread out to approximately 15 different communities where the studies have shown that women in need in those counties range in age from 13 to 44, Lexington in Dawson is one that is listed, there is approximately 1,600 women; Ogallala in Keith County, 700 women.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me ask you this, since we are on my time. Excuse me for interrupting, but...

SENATOR HALL: That's all right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the Appropriations Committee, is this something that can be done simply as either through the Appropriations Committee or as an amendment to the appropriations bill that is an existing program?

SENATOR HALL: It is very likely that that could be a vehicle for the same type of amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HALL: You are welcome.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, to speak to the Hall amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this bill, LB 455, purports to be comprehensive reform of the health...of the welfare system. I think what Senator Hall is offering now is something that goes directly to an issue, which those at the national level, those at the state level, and those at no level have indicated constitutes a problem, and that is unwanted or unplanned pregnancies. There are some people who see the issue of pregnancies and poor women as being one wrapped up in the question of abortion. But without even getting to that point, it seems to me that under any circumstances, whether you are talking about so-called welfare reform, abortion, prevention of unwanted, unplanned pregnancies among teenagers, any or all of those things, this that Senator Hall's amendment proposes is something that would be in the best interest of the state. It would be money well spent. It would give information of a very factual and valid