

as Senator Wesely stated on this proposal earlier, that approximately a million dollars is being spent now in that area. This would add \$425,000 to fill out the need that is presently seen by the department, at least through their survey, areas that are underserved with regard to family planning. Why put this type of a proposal on a welfare reform bill? I clearly believe it is something that addresses and goes right to the heart of the issue. We often talk about welfare reform after the fact, after individuals find themselves in that area we talk about training and retraining, educating them for purposes of job skills so that they can get out into the workplace, provide for themselves and their families. I believe that it's just as important to spend dollars at the front end so that individuals don't find themselves, if at all possible, in a situation where they need to be on welfare, where they have to come to the state for support and help. I believe these dollars, in this small amount, will allow for the ability for some individuals to prevent ever having to use the type of welfare that we're talking about and the changes that are being proposed in LB 455. With that, I offer the amendment. I understand that there are some amendments that may or may not be pending to this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Clerk, is that the case? Can you answer that question for me? Are there any amendments pending to this?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HALL: Because of that, because of the fact that with the amendments that would be pending to the proposal, what they attempt to do, as I understand the amendments, turn this into an abortion issue, which it is not. It is clearly a welfare issue and a family planning issue. I'm going to withdraw the amendment at this time. I intend to bring it back either on Select File on this bill, and if it becomes an abortion debate at that time, fine, we'll address it there. If it is better suited on an appropriations bill, then it will show up there. But, at this point in time, I am going to withdraw the amendment, Mr. President, and would respectfully request so. Thank you.