

The \$125,000 each year, the 250 is far short of the 425, comes about because I heard from people on the floor that said they would support the measure if it was a reduced dollar figure. So the proposal was drafted to accommodate that. What it does is recognize a need that exists out there. Many of you are familiar with what takes place in these clinics in terms of the kinds of services that are provided to low income women and teenagers. It is very important, I believe, in terms of the overall health and welfare of the state that we invest merely a quarter of a million dollars in this area over and above what we presently do. As I stated then, I believe it was approximately \$1,100,000 that presently goes into these programs. It's a combination of both federal and state funds. This is a program that I believe is vitally important. I think it truly saves us money in the long run with regard to the health and the well-being of folks when we're talking about family planning. I also believe that it's an educational tool which prevents abortions, that's why I support it. I look on it as very much a pro-life measure, even though there are those who view it otherwise. The fact of the matter is it merely goes toward counseling, and as you well know these clinics do much more than that. With that, knowing that the body is well aware of the proposal, what these family planning clinics do, I don't need to prolong the debate with regard to the opening, but I'm ready and willing to respond to any questions by members on this measure. What it does is it puts \$125,000 in each year for two years, a total of \$250,000 into this programming. I would urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Wesely, Will, Witek, Crosby, Wehrbein, Schimek and Landis.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there might be some repetition on this amendment, but I'm going to try to keep mine to a minimum. I do support the amendment, I support what Senator Hall has said, and this is an opportunity for us to put some money where it can achieve a goal that we all say that we're seeking. This money, I think, would be well spent in that it would assist in the area of unwanted or unplanned pregnancies. We could do some good in an area about which there is much discussion but often very little action. Because of the number of people who are going to speak, I will keep my remarks to a minimum, and should I see a necessity to respond to any arguments that are given, I would turn my light