

think that's the only responsible way to address welfare reform. With that, I would urge your support for the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Hall amendment for many of the same reasons that I opposed it the last time he brought it here. I find it amazing that people would say if we don't give these agencies \$250,000 that the rate of abortions will increase. How could they possibly increase? They are what they are going to be, that's a given. It doesn't affect what abortion rate is by giving money to a government entity. And right now we don't give any state money. This is a tremendous policy difference right now to start giving state money to family planning clinics. Right now they receive, in the State of Nebraska when I was looking at another proposal, and this could be more than this, but I found out that they gave, right now they receive \$3 million of federal government tax money. I won't call it federal funds because it's federal tax money. And there was no data that I could find to show that there was any decrease in anything, in anything. We've never asked for results for this kind of spending that you're doing. And yet you're saying if we don't give it that this is what the impact will be to these areas. How can you say that when I couldn't find any results of a decrease due to \$3 million in federal funds, or a decrease due to the millions of dollars we spend in our schools right now. If you look at the charts that were put out on this floor from when Senator Pirsch discussed LB 658 and the tremendous increase since the 1970's when a lot of these government programs started increasing, so did the rate of pregnancies in unwed women. And that's...we haven't had any success in these programs by throwing government money at them. So to say they need another quarter of a million dollars from the State of Nebraska, when we're...I just can't understand how this body can continue to believe, by not voting for any of these amendments, that we don't have a budget problem and that they would actually consider an additional increase of a quarter of a million dollars for family planning, like it's going to be the savior for family planning in the State of Nebraska. How did anybody ever plan their family before the government family planning people came into existence? You know it's...we continue to not admit the failure of these government programs when all this money is going to go do is fund more jobs in these areas...for these areas that people keep coming to hang outside this door to