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that we can consolidate our research, consolidate our efforts so that all people can benefit from the research on all of those diseases which affect all people. So again, I would support Senator Jensen's perspective that perhaps we need to let the Department of Health and Human Services address these issues and go further down the path that they have begun. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schimek, could I ask you a few questions?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schimek, would you respond, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Given that this bill makes specific reference to pregnancy, teenage pregnancies, and open-ended categories of other issues that impact women's health, and given the fact that abortion advocates often look upon abortion as a woman's health issue, what assurance do we have, I guess, as a pro-life senator have this initiative, would not in any way promote or provide funding for abortion or abortion referral, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Hartnett, thank you for the question, because I think that was one that I was going to try to address, or that I was going to address on the Tyson amendment. And it is in the back of everybody's mind, so I'm glad to...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...have the opportunity. This bill has nothing to do with abortion. And, you know, I can tell you many reasons why that is true. Number one, the person on my staff who drafted this bill is ardently pro-life, and she never would have drafted a bill that had anything to do with abortion. That's number one. Number two, we have...we have a Governor who is very pro-life, we have had the past two governors have been pro-life. I cannot imagine any circumstances under which the Department of Health would want to initiate anything to do with abortion referrals or providing abortions. That, to me, would