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be out of the question. Reproductive health is a very important part of a woman's life, and that is what is really addressed in the bill, you know, providing such things as adequate health care when pregnant, all of those kinds of things are important to reproductive health, infertility issues, et cetera. But nowhere in this bill is there any language or any intention to provide anything, having anything to do with abortions.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Got a few other questions. Appears that the key element of this bill is the authority granted to the Women's Health Initiative to solicit and receive outside donations. Will the initiative be obligated to accept every donation as offered, or will it have discretion to accept or reject proposed donations as it sees fit?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It will have that discretion, Senator Hartnett. And one of the very good reasons I can think for having that discretion is that the whole area of...the whole conflict of interest area. For instance, there might be a conflict of interest if a pharmaceutical would offer funding for a particular program that would benefit that particular pharmaceutical. I think you have to...there's a very fine line there and they would have to have that kind of discretion as to whether they would actually take funds or not.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. What provisions are made for evaluation of the Women's Health Initiative? It's, you know, to go on for a long time. What...how do we know, in three years, for example, has this initiative had beneficial results and positive impact? In other words, how do...what type of evaluation are you trying to provide in this bill, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well there is a provision in Section 7 that calls for an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. And it says, the report shall include progress reports on any programs, activities, or educational promotions that were undertaken by the initiative. The report shall also include a status report on women's health in Nebraska and any results achieved by the initiative. So it...it...it asks for reporting. It doesn't set up an evaluation process per se.