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SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...what we want? The other thing is that...that we...that we have to look at advocacy and...and whether we get back in advocacy what we hope for, or whether our investment is better spent in direct services and in looking at what kinds of direct services could really change some of the situations that have been presented to us today. So I am going to continue to listen to the discussion but, at this point in time, I have grave reservations that we are really going to get what we hope out of this, and, actually, we may get the reverse because we may think we have done something when we really have not done what we need to...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...to charge the institutions. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Price.

SENATOR PRICE: Good morning, Senator Coordsen and members of the body. I am supporting this legislation. I am a mother, I am a grandmother, and I am a licensed registered nurse. April is the month that I tend to my annual medical needs, and I do procrastinate sometimes but I just make sure that I do take good care of myself and I challenge others to take care of themselves also. Women are the major caregivers in families. I know there are situations where the male can be the major caregiver and I commend them for that also, because this is a partnership. The main thing is we need to be proactive instead of reactive, and by good preventative care that prevents the high costs and generally, you know, when people see the doctor sometimes it costs so much more and sometimes the disease cannot be cured. The abortion issue has not been...if it was in here it was addressed, and so abortion is not an issue in this legislation. I think the female sets a very good example for her family and her coworkers as she seeks regular medical care. Whether we're pulling this out of the Health and Human Services Department, this is debatable, but I'm saying the Health and Human Services Department, with their new leadership, I have the faith that they will get their focus together over there and that they will