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family healthy. Eighty percent of all the health-care decisions in this country are made by women because they are making those decisions on behalf of their children and their husbands and themselves. And it is very important that we have education so that people know what the issues are and what they can do to protect themselves and their families and it...you know, I was very appreciative of the fact that the Governor this morning talked about all the children's issues that he did. I'm very supportive of that, but keep in mind that without healthy mothers, children are going to suffer. I think the amount of money that is being asked for in this initiative is very minuscule compared to other kinds of initiatives I see swirling all around me this year and every other year that we have initiatives.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the bill, Senator Schimek, I have AM1503 with a note, Senator, that you would like to withdraw that, I believe, and offer as a substitute AM1749. (AM1749, Legislative Journal page 2026, First Session, 1999.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection, so ordered. Senator Schimek, recognized to open on your amendment to LB 480.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment is on your screen, but I'm going to ask again to have the Pages pass out kind of a bullet section here on the points of interest in this particular amendment. One of the things that I know was of concern to a number of people last year when this bill was up on the floor was the abortion issue. That is covered in this amendment. And there were other concerns as well, so what I would like to do is go over what this amendment attempts to do to ease concerns of the different members on this floor. And if you will look at page 1 on the amendment, there are no changes on that page from the original bill. Page 2 inserts the word "Advisory" in front of "Council", so this would be the Health Initiative Advisory Council. Now that is always what we intended that it would be but we, in order to clarify