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abortion, of the provision of medical services for abortion and the like. We are defining the medical services which are to be provided in the free clinics and for which the practitioners and providers will receive a grant of immunity provided that they provide service in accordance with all the terms and conditions of the act, and we're defining that as we define medical services for Medicaid purposes. That was an issue raised by Senator Foley and others, and we have worked it out off of the floor so that I can recommend that to you and believe it is satisfactory for everyone's purposes. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, and then we'll talk further, I assume, on the divided question. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Brown, on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I rise in support of the amendment to the amendment. I believe that the most important aspect of this is to deal with the services that are generally provided by free clinics and making sure that these free clinics can get adequate volunteer staffing. And I believe that this amendment accomplishes that and would urge its adoption.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise simply to support this amendment. I think it fills a gap and a concern that some people had. I think the outline of the need for the free clinics and the need to protect the people who are providing volunteer services shows the necessity for this particular amendment and for this particular portion of the bill. I would urge its approval. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Any further lights on? I see none. Senator Brashear, you may close, if you care to.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Just trying to be helpful to everybody. This is a relatively simple amendment that defines the services we'll be dealing with throughout the substance of the...and remainder of the debate as being those