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problem in her life. And all too often, she's prompted to seek an abortion as a quick fix. No woman in the state of Nebraska should ever feel the pressure of economics upon her that would lead her to an abortion clinic. We need to step forward and assist those women with some targeted programs that really reach her...reach out to her and say, my friend, you're not alone, there is help, and we want to stand with you through this. That's what this amendment is all about. A couple of months ago, Governor Heineman offered a program to the Appropriations Committee and had Chris Peterson and Nancy Montanez and Dr. Raymond come before the Appropriations Committee and present a proposal relating to a program that's been in existence now for a number of years in the state of Pennsylvania. It's a highly successful program, called Real Alternatives. And the concept at that time, a couple of months ago, was to try to import that model, that Pennsylvania model, into the state of Nebraska, and have the people from Pennsylvania actually run it for us. There were some problems with it, and it met with some resistance. Because we're all aware that there are nonprofit groups here in the state that are providing services to pregnant women on a need-based arrangement. And much of the thinking at the time was that we already know how to do this and we're already doing it to some extent. Maybe not to...as much as we'd like to see. But it's already here in Nebraska, and we don't need people from Pennsylvania teaching us how to do something that we're already doing. So there was resistance on that level. I understand that. Governor proposed at that time that \$600,000 in federal funding from a program called TANF, T-A-N-F, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, be used to fund that endeavor. And all the...although the Appropriations Committee turned down that particular proposal, what I bring forward to you today is a rewrite of that concept. Under the concept that I'm offering to you today, the Department of Health and Human Services would conduct a competitive solicitation, and would allow not-for-profit groups to step forward and submit a proposal on how they could serve needy women who are pregnant. It's targeted assistance. It might mean a free Papp...a free pregnancy test, free ultrasound. It might mean enrollment in one of their parenting classes. As a matter of fact, HHS is already directing many women to these centers for parenting classes. It might mean the provision of nutritional