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information, or general health information, information about adoption, and certainly, a lot of information and connection to other programs that can assist that woman in a very direct, material way, to take some of that financial stress off of her, to address her immediate needs, so that the pressure is off and she can start to think through where she wants to go with her life. TANF is an interesting program. It's a federal program. Let me just read for you a little bit from the United States Health and Human Services Department regarding TANF. Under the TANF program, each state must submit a plan to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services that outlines how it intends to conduct the program that can provide cash aid to needy families or families that are expecting children, and provides parents with job preparation, work, and support services. States may determine what benefit levels to set and what categories of families are eligible. States have the flexibility to design and operate a program that best matches their residents' needs, and help families gain and maintain self-sufficiency. Under the amendment that I'm proposing, the grantees would step forward and submit proposals to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and they would outline a program, a pilot program, for targeting assistance to needy women who are pregnant or believe that they may be pregnant. And in their proposals, they would identify what resources they could bring to the table on this, because there are private resources that are funding these not-for-profit entities. And we can match their private resources with the federal dollars, and really ramp up the range of services that we can provide to needy women who are pregnant. The proposal that I'm offering to you today, the amendment that I'm offering today, does not in any way tamper with the fine work of our Appropriations Committee. The budget package that they've submitted to us stands intact. I don't tamper with it. Governor Heineman has identified \$500,000 in additional TANF funding that's available to the state of Nebraska, and we can use it for this purpose. Other states are using TANF funding for this purpose. And I deeply appreciate the Governor's leadership in finding those funds and supporting this effort. I think this is a meaningful way to assist women who are pregnant, to help take some of the financial pressure off of them, to assist them to bring their children to term, and if it's their decision, to place the