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SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...if I might. Thank you. And if I could ask a question or two of Senator Foley?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you may. Senator Foley, would you respond?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So then would you tell...Senator Foley, would you tell me what you intend by this language?

SENATOR FOLEY: Right. Here's how I see it working. Our role here is to appropriate the funds with some direction as to how they're to be used. We direct the funds to HHS, presuming the amendment is attached. HHS then has the funds and the direction from us to start to construct a competitive solicitation. They would publish that solicitation in conformity with federal guidelines, and invite parties to step forward and offer proposals as to how they would perform the services.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I understand that. But what I don't understand is who would be served by these programs.

SENATOR FOLEY: This program, by virtue of the language that I've offered here, is directed toward a need-based arrangement to pregnant women and women who believe they may be pregnant. That's...it's a targeted program for pregnant women.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So it could be any woman in the state of Nebraska who believes she's pregnant, or...

SENATOR FOLEY: Is pregnant.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...is pregnant.

SENATOR FOLEY: Is pregnant or believes...now,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: They wouldn't have to be receiving welfare already, or they wouldn't have to, you know, have children