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already? This could be a teenage girl?

SENATOR FOLEY: It's a...this...TANF money is a need-based program. And HHS is going to have to specify in its contract with the grantee what the guidelines are on that need-based arrangement.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I'm not sure I know how I feel about this. I'm naturally supportive of the idea that we try to provide this assistance to people who are needy. But I also think there...you know, I just got something across my desk today that talked about the fact that Nebraska ranks 50th in teen birth rate declines. In other words, of all the states, our teen rate is declining less than any other state. And the national average is 30 percent, according to this document, and in Nebraska it's only 12.7 percent. And I think we should be doing more to prevent some of these pregnancies. And I'm sure you might agree with that as well. We probably...where we wouldn't agree on is what the program should be to try to help prevent. But I don't know how I feel about this. I think your goal is worthy. But I don't know what the criteria would be. I just don't...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...know enough about what this program would be to know if I want to support this or not. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Howard, followed by Senator Combs, on AM1374.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Since Senator Foley has come to me to discuss this amendment, I've seriously considered this. And I have some information that I think will be of help to the body. Nebraska is very, very fortunate in that we have many services to address the issues of pregnancy, unwed pregnancy, unexpected pregnancy, and also the issue of adoption of infants and children. And I made a...just a brief list of these quickly. Nebraska Children's Home, Child Saving Institute, Lutheran Family Services, Catholic Charities, Christ Child, Emergency Pregnancy