

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

May 4, 2005

LB 425

program, I am never very much in favor of starting something up again, when we have, you know, all of the spokes in the wheel, you know, hopefully, turning, and that we can maybe just add one more little layer on a couple of those spokes to help some individuals. So that is where I'm coming. I hope we can...I'm in support of this amendment. I'm a little bit concerned about creating another pilot program. I am never very much, you know, in favor of starting something, again, unless it's a total different direction that will realistically benefit another group of people and become a reality. But I think, let's try to utilize these dollars, you know, if they're available. Because they are there. They have been appropriated on the federal level. We just as well use them. So let's take advantage of that. But let's also be concerned about, you know, starting something that in a year or two that we might not be able to continue to fund, or have to get funding from another source to continue that program. Because I think we have a program. And let's work to improve that. If we can help more of these young women, you know, to become young mothers, to be an asset to the community, I think then it's worth it. I'll give the...no, I won't give the balance of my time back to the Chair, because I'm going to keep the rest of it. But you can take over now, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Did you give it to Senator Cunningham, Senator Stuthman?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: No, I'm sorry. Cudaback is what I wanted to give it. I get you two guys mixed up a little bit. I should remember a little bit more that Cunningham is the "candy man," and you're the "chip man," so.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're pardoned. Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR KRUSE: (Laugh) Thank you, Mr. Cudaback and members. I stand reluctantly to oppose the amendment. I'm reluctant, because I certainly favor what is being proposed within it. To get...cut right to the chase, we're already doing these things. We've got good programs in place. We don't need another program. And this money is not just readily available, as the