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is a religion-skewed approach that Senator Foley is taking. Now, if you read the language carefully, when you get to line 21 on page 1, the pilot program shall not refer for, perform, or counsel for abortions. Counsel for abortions? You mean counsel regarding abortions? If you're not counseling for abortions, or advocating them, you can nevertheless counsel regarding them.

SENATOR FOLEY: Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not ask you, Senator Foley. It's my time. Members of the Legislature, this is poorly written. And when a man cannot admit what his position is on a question such as this, it lets you know what we're dealing with here. But he can't bring himself to admit it. If it's about abortion, say it is. The last language in this proposal deals specifically with abortion. He brings them in. Let this be one of those proposals, if it's going to be done, to just counsel women who are pregnant, needy, and otherwise meet the criteria. When they come, if they say, I want to get an abortion, and you discuss with them alternatives, and they say, I still want an abortion, under Senator Foley's plan, they'd have to say, well, I can't help you. And they say, well, where can I go? I can't help you. So then you're set here to counsel me, but you can't tell me any information? I can't help you. Just like Senator Foley can't answer. Now, people on the floor may be reluctant to deal with this issue in terms of what it is. I think it was a political ploy by the Governor. He knew that Mr. Osborne was considering running. This is to solidify his position with a certain narrow constituency. Senator Foley is well aware of the people in the church and in the "Repelican" Party who went out to campaign directly against Senator Robak. And there were comments made from the pulpit, and there were some Catholics who were very offended by that. But those things happened. That's the ugliness that surrounds this issue that people for some reason are afraid to deal with.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kruse touched on it. And I'm going to get right down to the nitty-gritty of what it is we're dealing with here. This amendment should not be adopted. It is