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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Howard, on AM1374.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to start by giving Senator Johnson whatever portion of my time he needs to complete his thought.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: What it is, is this, is one of the things, if we want to really reduce the number of abortions in this country, there's one thing--and I am a Republican--that our President could do, and that's release the morning after pill. It's been thoroughly tested. The group that did the testing stated that it was safe to use. They then made up some excuse that it hadn't been thoroughly tested on 13- or 14-year-olds, and didn't release it. The reason I bring this up is the article that I read regarding this from this committee said that it would reduce abortions by one-half in this country. Why don't we consider getting at the heart of the problem instead of trying to make it look nice after it's happened. Thank you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you've got about one minute...about one and a half minutes have been used up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, if you look out in the lobby, you can get an idea of what this amendment is about. It's crystal clear to everybody on this floor who has been here any period of time. This is an anti-abortion amendment. There's a specific organization which Senator Foley and his minions have in mind that this money is to go to. No question about it. The