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against abortion. And any organization which would not advise a women relative to abortion, that organization is the one that should not get the money. Abortion is a legal, viable alternative and it should be available for women. No state money, no money from the federal government funneled to the state for another purpose, ought to be diverted to one of these narrow-visioned organizations. They are not that interested in helping children, because there are too many...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...issues and programs that come before us on this floor that relate to the welfare of children and they're not here. When we were talking about Medicaid and families being cut off Medicaid, it generally is a single female parent with children, and you don't see those people who are out in the lobby now steaming up the glass. They're not out there then, and that's what I'm looking at, and that's why I think these matters have got to be made a part of this discussion for future reference. People reading the cold words on print that you find in a transcript should know that the underlying, driving force behind this proposal of Senator Foley is a rigid anti-abortion position, so rigid, so anti, that a woman whose life is endangered by carrying...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, even though I tend to be on Senator Chambers' side on this issue, I don't believe that we can be cavalier about it, in that we have to look at what's good for all women, including those who may choose to have the child. And there are a number of those, and I don't think that we have...although I think that there are good programs out there, I don't think that we have sufficient programs to serve all of the people, nor do I think that always young women who need the most support are as aware of it as they