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need is. I don't know that we've been adequately informed about what the program would do. What kind of services would be developed? Would it be just that 800 number and a couple of billboards? Would it be more than that? Would it be actual help with nutrition and all those kinds of things? don't think we have the information. I don't think we know exactly who it would serve. Now, I know it's meant to serve lower-income women, and if you know me, you know that I'm always trying to help those who are least advantaged, but I'm not exactly sure who this is supposed to serve. Who would provide I don't have a clue. I've heard about the the services? discussion at the Appropriations Committee, when it recommended that we have this program from Pennsylvania come in and do this. I don't know if that would still be the case if we allowed the amendment to stay on this bill. I don't think there's any guarantees one way or the other. If it is a new program, maybe if it isn't even the one from Pennsylvania, what happens in three years from now? Do we just let that program go away, or do we come back in here and appropriate another half a Be careful what you ask for. million dollars for it? about our involvement in setting the parameters of this program? What about oversight, accountability? Is there a sunset provision, Senator Erdman? Is there a sunset provision in this? I don't If not, is it sustainable, as I mentioned earlier? think we answered these questions adequately yesterday and I wanted to have the opportunity to have us revisit the issue and reconsider the issue. And with that, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the motion to reconsider. For discussion of that motion, Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Foley and others. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Well, I woke up at 4:00 this morning and I've been thinking about this for quite a while. My initial reaction yesterday was, you know, I've worked in these areas for a long time, spent my entire adult life, either as a volunteer or in public office, working on children's issues, and here we have \$500,000 for an area that I really care about, but I also feel we have responsibility as public officials to make sure when we