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the floor and he was trying to muster 33 votes for the E clause. He fell one vote short. Senator Landis came in and said, you know, I was unavoidably...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: ...I was unavoidably absent so I've filed a reconsideration motion. Did you say time, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I said time, yes.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator, thank you. Senator Don Pederson, followed by Senator Raikes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Cinco de Mayo, everybody. But I'm a little bit concerned about this bill and I'll tell you why...or this amendment. Our Appropriations Committee met. We heard this measure in a different form. We heard it as a program from Pennsylvania. We recognized, in discussing the matter, that there were a number of agencies in the state of Nebraska that perform the same service for pregnant women or women apparently who think they're pregnant. But that was not the issue. We decided that we had money from the TANF funds that could be used for the purposes for which we dedicated a certain number of dollars. I think the thing that bothers me the most about this proposal is the fact that, why is it before us? It's before us because there's \$500,000 federal dollars available so (a) it isn't going to cost us any money; (b) there's money that's already there from federal funds, therefore, we don't have to worry about it, doesn't come out of our budget. I think that that is exactly the kind of thinking that we have to avoid, because when we start spending money based upon the fact that it's there and it theoretically isn't going to cost us any money, although each one of us, I think, I'm not sure we all make it with our salary at the Legislature, but let's assume that everybody does pay an income tax, and part of that money goes for programs such as TANF. And I just think that we have to be very careful about encroaching upon the budget that the Appropriations Committee has proposed. We heard