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SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I will support the motion for reconsideration. When we voted yesterday, I recognized the symbolism to which Senator Landis spoke quite eloquently, and thought, and was ready to let that go, and still am; not a great emotional issue to me. But what we did in my mind was inappropriate and I rise to speak to that. First of all, it's not appropriately on our plate. This is something that HHS can do. It's separate money. It's not even a cash fund. They can do this if they would want to. Along with that I would say the purposes of Senator Foley's amendment are fine. I have no quarrel with doing this. I would hope we are doing it. If HHS wants to do more of it, bless them; do that. My second "dis-ease" with this is that the amendment simply does not fit TANF guidelines. We spoke to that briefly yesterday, but I would ask you to look at that. TANF has four programs. It's clearly not under any of them. One is assisting needy families. That's not what this is. The second is reducing the dependency of needy parents by promoting job preparation. That's not what this is. The third is preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies...I'm reading on page 159 of our big book...preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies. Oh, would that this be it. I would love it if Senator Foley's bill spoke to this issue using TANF money or if HHS decided to use more TANF money. This is a huge problem to us. But his amendment does not address that. And the fourth one is encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. It is not what this is about. I also have a reservation because it does not envision professional counseling. I have been a professional counselor for all of my life. I have counseled many young, pregnant, unwed teenagers. I have never brought my agenda to that. The focus is on that young woman. That is where you focus in counseling. You don't try to figure out how to use this young woman to move your own agenda around, and that's a side piece of it. But again, it is a side piece. The real problem with it is that we are not fitting TANF guidelines; that we are striking off in an area that we don't need to deal with, even though we do need to affirm the basic premise of Senator Foley's amendment that we need to give support to young pregnant women. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. On with discussion