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those earlier on the transition fund. It was inaccurately described it was going to come from Cash Funds but actually it is going to come from General Funds. I have an amendment that will be heard sometime, it's at the bottom of the pile, but it will correct that to show that it really is General Funds that we use for that purpose. But I have an amendment now that on page 62 we add some verbiage that was inadvertently omitted. Since 1999, we have had a program concerning the pap smear, chlamydia proposals that require treatment, so forth; but we had a condition on that that was omitted somehow from this particular amendment. And this repeats the verbiage that was in our law since 1999 and just was missed. So all we do is we add that when we have the funds for treatment of these particular bad things in our society that there is a requirement that none of the General Funds provided for in this program shall be used to perform or facilitate the performance of abortion or to counsel or to refer for abortion. So it was an agreement that we had entered into, as I said, in 1999 that did provide that anyone could provide services for these problems in our society for women, and that by allowing anyone to perform the treatments and the counseling that goes with that, that we would not include abortion counseling or treatment in that process. So this is merely to clarify and to put back into this amendment what has been our law since 1999. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the opening on AM1364 to the committee amendments. Open for discussion. Senator Pederson, there are no lights on. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body, shall AM1364 be adopted to the committee amendments to LB 425? All in favor of the motion vote aye; those opposed, nay. We're voting on adoption of the Pederson amendment, AM1364. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Pederson's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.