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1 percent, the female half, roughly, takes us down to .5 percent. And many of those women are not pregnant, and many of those women are not fetal alcohol...or, are not alcohol abusers. So your amendment...the difficulty I'm having with your amendment is that it so narrowly focuses the range of services offered through this program that I just can't go there, because it was always intended, from day one, to be a much broader attempt to address the needs of pregnant women. And again, I thank you for the time that we've had to discuss these issues. I think they've been very constructive. And we really are very close in our thinking on this. But I respectfully suggest that your amendment takes us in a direction that I just don't want to go. I want to keep this a broad approach to many, many issues, so that the services that are provided women can be tailored to their particular needs across the state. And I'd ask you again, my colleagues, to advance AM1584. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Foley amendment to the Howard amendment to LB 425. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, on the surface, I am supportive of Senator Howard's amendment. And then we get another amendment to Senator Howard's amendment that brings up another concern. But maybe I would like to engage in a little conversation with Senator Howard, first of all, before I get into what I'm really trying to get to.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, would you respond?

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Do we, at the present time, have programs where these people, these women on the Indian reservations, can access some programs that can help them with this? Or are we discriminating against this group of people on Indian reservations, that they cannot make...or, programs are not available to them? Are they different than anybody else in the state of Nebraska?