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program addresses so many other issues that are critically important to woman across the state, issues associated with economics and jobs and finances, substance abuse, all of the economic pressures that are placed on women, all the informational needs that women have. I urge you to vote down AM1504. It is a very, very unwise narrowing of this program. It really is going to serve to defeat the interests of this program, which were spelled out on General File, to try to address in a broad way the needs of pregnant women. Each of those women has a very unique reason for showing up at the door of the counselor. And in the vast majority of cases, the reason that she's there has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with fetal alcohol syndrome. That's not her issue. It may be in some cases, sure it will. But in the vast majority of cases that's not why she's there. There are so many other reasons, so many other compelling needs that these women have, and that's what we're trying to address, the broader concerns, including fetal alcohol syndrome, which will be addressed as part of this program. I urge you to defeat this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Madam President (sic), amendment please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move to amend Senator Howard's amendment. (FA267, Legislative Journal page 1484.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, to open on your amendment to the Howard amendment to LB 425. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I didn't actually keep a copy of the amendment, but what this does is it takes out Indian reservations. It takes out the wording "Indian reservations," and inserts the word "Native American women," so that the amendment that Senator Howard has would read, as amended by my amendment, "The highest priority for use of the funds shall be to make prenatal services available for Native American women within Nebraska." And it totally deletes the reservation. That means, Senator Howard, I think, that this program could put some programs on the reservations, and if it's a highest priority, they would, but they could also target the