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basic core idea of where is the need, where is the greatest need, where is...where is the preventable problem, how can we get ahead of this? I've looked at it, I've looked at it, I've looked at it, and I've worked it. The Native American mother needs a support system. She needs to feel that she is recognized, she is worthy, her infant is worthy, and that we're there to provide what she needs at a crisis time in her life. I heard a quote today when I was at lunch, and the basic essence is, it's up to us to correct a wrong if we have the opportunity. And that's what we're given here--the opportunity to look at this, the opportunity to make a difference. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Chambers, on the Schimek amendment to the Howard amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have given my views, but I'm going to reemphasize what Senator Thompson mentioned. With all due respect to Senator Schimek, and I think her intentions are honorable, I would like to see a vote on Senator Howard's amendment as she drafted it, because it is focusing on an area geographically where we know a problem exists, where we know there is an under-serving. So I'm going to oppose Senator Schimek's amendment and any other amendments so that we can get an up or down vote on Senator Howard's proposal. This is why I say that. I had said, when I was talking to Senator Foley, I wanted us to be very direct and forthright. I do not believe there is any form of Senator Howard's amendment that would win over those who are opposed to it. Those of us who favor her amendment are not interested in diluting it, because there's not going to be enough money made available to really do all that needs to be done everywhere but at the same time focus on the reservations. So I think the way Senator Howard's amendment is drafted is appropriate. The focus should be there. The limiting language ought to remain. So I'm going to support her amendment as drafted and not any other amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Foley.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Howard, I appreciate your taking an