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ton of money in the long run. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Byars.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. When I began working as a board member, there was an astounding thing that was said at a meeting that just kind of stuck with me for many years, and it was, the biggest need that they had was for a podiatrist. And later on I found out the very first health center in the United States, they surveyed the entire neighborhood surrounding the center and...to find out what the key health need was and it was a podiatrist, and the reason that is so important to working poor people is because if they can't stand, they can't work. If they don't work, they don't get paid and they can't feed their families and they can't take care of their families. I just talked with Senator Combs, because I couldn't remember the way this is referred to, but it's called foot rot. And particularly for people who work in meat-packing plants, she told me a lot of people who start that work can't afford socks. Their feet get wet and disease spreads and they can't stand and they can't work. Now that's just one occupation. These are laboring people whose families depend on them being able to stand and work. Meat packing is just one of many, many occupations that these people who come to these health centers who have no health insurance need the ability to stand because they can't work if something is wrong with their feet. When you vote on this override today think about that. You know, I went down there as a suburban white woman. I had no idea. I've never been to a podiatrist. But we're talking about basic healthcare. This is just one aspect of making sure people can work. We spent more this session on any other session talking about getting jobs for people in Nebraska. Well, let's take care of the people who want to work, the poor people who have no health insurance. And this goes to a variety of their health needs, but when you hit that button, red or green, I hope you think about that poor person who wants to work, who needs the help of a podiatrist so he or she can stand. That's pretty basic. And all it is, is a small amount of money in our overall budget to get these health centers so they can take care of the people coming through their door with lots of health needs.