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Brown, you're recognized.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I intended to talk generally about the committee amendment and to pose some questions to Senator Pederson, and I will do that after I speak to this issue. Having been around here for a long time, I know how difficult it was to arrive at the compromise that resulted in these services even being available to women in the state of Nebraska. And I believe that the concern here, the underlying concern, is that the services are being provided largely through family planning clinics, and that there is a worry that women who go to those clinics to receive these kinds of services might also find information on family planning, and that there are certain individuals that would believe that is a bad thing. I remember spending a number of hours on the budget bill, probably in 1996 or '97, to arrive at the compromise to even allow these funds to be used, and I am not comfortable with this change. I really want to hear more information about why it would need to be done, because what...the information that I have is that this program has been very effective. And we as a state are one of the states that spend the least amount of money on services to women, preventative health services to women, and I would hate to see that money jeopardized. But I wondered if Senator Pederson would yield to a couple questions for me.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Pederson, would you yield?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay, this is a general question. I went thoroughly through my little goldenrod book, and one of the things that I did not find was the page that compared the recommendations of the committee to the Governor's recommendations. Now, as close as I could tell, that difference is about \$40 million, but it was something that I generally find, and maybe I'm just not...maybe I just didn't research it correctly.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: In hearing the words from the Fiscal Office, they said that they generally have not done that on a comparative basis, so I don't know.