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to me there would be a cost. In our committee, shortly after this bill was presented, we received information...we had a presentation from representatives from Kansas City, from the federal offices. And I remember distinctly Patricia Brown, the representative, saying Nebraska is doing an outstanding job in providing services to women. And I was very impressed by that, because there are so many areas that we seem to be falling down in, and want to study and want to fund studies for. But I thought Senator Brown would be heartened to hear that her programs that she put in place are serving the purpose, are meeting the need, and the federal government has stepped forward to acknowledge that. I don't support changing the current program without providing funding to meet the need. The current program is doing the job. Locations are a question. Again, funding would provide an answer. I'd like to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Brown, if she would want it.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Brown, you have about 2 minutes, 25 seconds.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you. I would just...on the pending amendment, I would just refer to what Senator Pederson said, because I think he said it very eloquently. This is not about expanding the opportunities; it's about limiting the opportunities in programs, I believe, that do not coincide with certain moral agenda issues, and it doesn't have to do with abortion. It has to do with even the possibility of being exposed to information about family planning. But I'm going to go back for a moment to some questions that I was posing to Senator Pederson about the underlying bill, and I wondered if he might yield to a couple questions.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Pederson, would you yield?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I will.

SENATOR BROWN: Last time I was posing some questions about the utility funding. What was the amount that you...that the committee allocated to, generally, to agencies, and how does that compare to the amount that you're allocating to the university?