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well. We're talking about state General Funds here. We are not talking about family planning funds. That's a different program. That's the Title X program that's federally funded, 100 percent federally funded. There's not one dollar of General Funds in that program, and we're not tampering with that program. We can't, because that's federal. We've got 450 providers under the Every Woman Matters Program, but only 14 providers under this program. Every Woman Matters Program deals with cancer, a much more sophisticated medical problem, much more sophisticated. Yet we got 450 providers, and yet for Pap smears we've got 14 providers? That makes no sense whatsoever. The amendment simply opens the door for more opportunities for more providers to provide services. What about the funding level? I haven't tampered with it. We're going to serve the same number of women, and if more money wants to be offered by another senator on another amendment, I'd consider that, but that's not what this amendment is about. This amendment respects the work of the Appropriations Committee. It does not tamper with their funding levels. It simply gives more direction to HHS as to how they are to administer this program. Open it up to more competition. They want to do that. They're with me on this amendment. They're supporting this amendment, as is the Public Health Association of Nebraska, as is the Governor's Office. They all know we need this amendment to open up this program. I ask for your favorable consideration of AM2441. Roll call vote, please.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Foley. You've heard the closing on AM2441, amendment to committee amendment, AM2581. Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1024.) 29 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: AM2441 is adopted. The call is raised. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion: Senator Schimek would move to reconsider the vote on adoption of amendment, AM2441.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open.