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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...we're deceiving ourselves in that regard, that we're actually substantively doing something, because we're not.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Foley's amendment is one that I like the concept of. And I like spreading the opportunity to more women. My reservation and what I'm struggling with is, in providing it to Senator Stuhr's constituents and other places so that those women are closer to the service, that as those women avail themselves of the service, which I'm glad they would be able to do, that we don't have enough funding there to provide it where it's currently being provided, and that we create even more of a need, and then when the need is there and we make the diagnosis, we don't have the funds for treatment. My concern is the funding level. Senator Foley isn't dealing with that, and he identified why he isn't dealing with it. He identified that he was open to it, which I appreciate.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: (Microphone malfunction)...President, or Lieutenant Governor, as the case may be. It's...and members of the Legislature. This is an interesting discussion. I'm sorry that it's coming up on the budget bill. This is a matter that should have been discussed on its own merits in LB 1242. And I think you see the ramifications that are taking place as a result of this. What are you buying into? You know, it sounds good. Anything that sounds too good, probably isn't. And I think that we have a concern. I have not heard of any particular concerns or complaints about the availability of service presently being offered to the women in the state of Nebraska. I think we have a definite concern about chlamydia. We have, obviously, a concern about the presence of possible cancerous conditions. We need to follow that up. But as I said, I think we really need to consider that and follow it up