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rate in the nation. But to not make it sound like only north Omaha and only Omaha has problems, Scottsbluff has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the nation, so we have issues If this is not a substantial change in law, if it's all over. merely intent language, if it was all legitimately done, why wasn't the amendment printed for us? Why was the underlying amendment about...the Crime Commission didn't have anything to do with this, and was substituted. And those of us who had concerns should have objected to the substitution. We blew it. But, you know, that's the way it was. But...so no one had any chance to look at this. If it's not substantial change in language, why did the bill go to the Health Committee rather than going to the Appropriations Committee? Because it is not just intent language; it is a substantial change that is saying that a woman will not be able to receive a full range of services. If this was legitimate, it would have come with extra It would be about expanding services. It would not be dollars. about restricting what kinds of services a woman could have. And Senator Chambers is off the floor, but I wondered if he might yield to a question just briefly.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Chambers, are you aware of the problem that we have in Omaha with STDs?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh yes, it's one of the worst in the nation.

SENATOR BROWN: And have you personally done something to help people to address the issue of STDs?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I did, in the context of these various sexually transmitted diseases, was to publicly take an AIDS test so that the people in my community, or anybody else who was interested, would know that this is a serious matter; whatever can be done to determine whether somebody has the disease and would then seek treatment ought to be done. And I didn't want to just say it; I wanted to be an example. And I know that I couldn't possibly have AIDS, but I still didn't want to just