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So let's do it right. Let's ask for more money and come back with additional services, and do it in the appropriate manner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Kruse and others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also would support more money, not just a piddling amount. But as has been stated by others, there was no opportunity to discuss the kind of issues that we're going over now, and it has to be done by way of a motion to reconsider. And the bad decision was taken, and now we're in a position where we have to overcome that bad decision, instead of making the one who was pushing for it bear that burden. It is an anti-choice, anti-family planning, anti-contraception, anti- all of the things that these pro-life zealots see hiding behind every tree when any program is mentioned that will benefit women. I don't remember the procedure, but there was something not too long ago about some procedure or medication that could help stave off cervical cancer. And because it dealt with the region of the reproductive organs, which those zealots are obsessed with, they immediately came out opposing it, saying it might be a backdoor way to have abortions. That's all they think about. And we know Senator Foley is a "one-ideaed" individual. You all know. You groan when he brings these things. I've heard you do it. But you need to stand up when we have a matter like this that relates to the health of women, and do what is right. All he did was made a statement which he can use on the campaign trail and say, I got language that would make it possible for these anti-choice operations to set up and be legitimatized, while denying services that women need. That's what Senator Foley is about, and that's why he wouldn't answer my questions directly. But he doesn't need to answer mine in order for me to know what his position is. I've watched him and listened to him ever since he was here. The only other thing I can think of was when he was working for the...for NPPD and there was an issue on dark fiber. And I agreed to offer an amendment or something that he was interested in because he thought it would look like an obvious conflict. So I'm not opposed to everything Senator Foley has offered or that Senator