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providers are there year, after year, after year, after year. You don't yank out the services and expect them to gear up for the services. This is an unusual way to proceed with provider services. We need these services for needy individuals in the state, in our other services that we provide, and these are negotiated contracts by the department. If we let the department continue to operate as they have, which the appropriation doesn't change any of that and they could do it differently if they chose to, we could go on, keep these good services in place for people who need them most--poor women, minority women who take advantage of these services--and then add more services for other parts of the state. I think that's good public policy and I think that's what we should be debating. I don't think we should be tying the hands of the department or directing them when they already have a good set of programs in place. No one here has criticized any of the services that are currently happening. I haven't heard that once today. I haven't heard that from one senator. There's no beef with the services that are being provided...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...or the way they're being provided. What's happening now is an opportunity to reconsider, to take language that I think is more appropriate to be part of a bill than to be an attachment to an appropriations bill for one year, and go forward knowing that we've educated ourselves a lot more about the needs of women in the state and that we should be looking at a program expansion. And we can do that. We can do that yet this session if you want. But we don't need this language here to basically dismantle what's currently in place, to confuse the way people have been receiving these services. They are good services. They are things that we should be doing as a state, that we've been doing for many, many years. And I think the people we need to keep in mind as we make a decision on this reconsideration motion are the women, and I'd like you to just picture one of them. She is poor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...She is a minority. She needs these