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not my intention, but I think it is an important issue, and our time was not wasted yesterday. So I hope that you will look at this amendment seriously. It does add \$250,000 into the appropriations, as Senator Jensen told you, and you know, that's just a shot in the dark as to what it should be, but at least it is some added funds. With that, I thank you very much.

SENATOR BOURNE PRESIDING

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I don't think any one of us could credibly argue that this issue has not received full and fair debate. What did we spend yesterday? What--five hours or so on this issue, and it's still not resolved, at least to the satisfaction of some members. I offered an amendment in good faith. The body supported the amendment, 29 to 6. Reconsideration motion was filed. We debated it for hours, until every last light was exhausted. There was no calling of the question. Every light was exhausted, and you rejected the reconsideration motion. Having prevailed twice yesterday, I immediately went to the other side on this question. I said, look, I won twice, but here, we can work this out. We can put more money in this program. I'm willing to put my name on more money for this program. I know some people doubted my sincerity on that, so I filed an amendment. I'm going to ask you to vote red on Senator Janssen's amendment and vote green on the Foley amendment that's further down the list. I'll give Senator Janssen some points for creativity. Have you studied the amendment? I've never seen anything like it. He ties the Governor's hands. If the Governor were to veto even one dollar of the money that's in that amendment, it strips away the language we adopted yesterday. I've never seen anything like that. Can you imagine what our budget bill would look like if we started doing that on every program, tying the Governor's hands, how absurd this could get? I remind you we're talking about a one-year appropriations bill. That's what this is. We're midstream in the biennium. We got one year to go. We've adopted an amendment that opens the door to more providers, at the very time when HHS is now poised to put out solicitation for more providers. We don't