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going on. They report those problems, but the problem comes when nothing is ever done about it. And I want to read in the article that Senator Howard has just put out here. It says, Child Protective Services received numerous phone calls about both parents. Another thing is, Child Protective Services requested that the children be placed in foster care. Less than a month later, a nurse who had consistent contact with Abby Smith (phonetic) expressed concern about the children. People had concerns about the children, concerns, concerns, concerns. What happened? We lost the child. People threw up the red flag, but nothing happened. Yes, something did happen. We lost the child. So, you know, we've got money going into these agencies already to...you know, to try to help and do this. Should we be going there the day after the baby is born and trying to teach the parents everything that they have to know? The Nebraska as a state, we make very poor parents. I don't think that's our responsibility. And I'm just concerned that, are we going to be just dumping another half a million dollars in there, and we have these home visits, and they're going to say, ooh, I've got to throw up the red flag again, but nothing happens, we lose another one, we lose another ten, we lose another twenty. Oh, we've got to do something else, we've got to pump more money into it. So I think there are things in place already that we could try to solve this. But when these allegations were made that there was a problem, why wasn't there somebody that said, I'm going to do something. There has got to be someone that is in control. And that's the only comment that I have. I really am concerned about these young children, but I don't know whether this is going to help or we're just going to put some more money into something. So...and if I've got any time left, I'd give the balance of my time to Senator Smith.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Thank you, Senator Stuthman. We've had several votes here today. There seems to be a pattern that concerns me a great deal. And it concerns me that we're growing the budget more and more, the amendment, to save \$3.5 million, I think it was, because of an endowment years ago that there was the argument made that an endowment was a one-time thing, but we're finding out that it's