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counseling for family planning. The clinic that Senator Foley kept invoking, this clinic on North 27th Street in Lincoln, doesn't provide family planning. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Further discussion? Senator Howard, followed by Senator Chambers and five others.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. And I'm going to take a moment to collect my thoughts here before I begin. I left here yesterday afternoon with an increasingly heavy feeling and when I read in the paper this morning, in the World-Herald, and I thank DiAnna Schimek for passing this around, that lawmakers also voted to include money for American Indian education specialists and AIDS drugs, but rejected a proposal to increase funding for visiting nurses and other programs to prevent child abuse, this is a glaring statement. It really tells us where our priorities are, and people that look at this, that read this, I do believe are going to have the same feeling I do. If we are pro-life, as some of us state that we are, doesn't that include protecting children that are already living, children that laugh and walk and eat and need to be loved? Don't we have a responsibility to the children who are in desperate situations? I'm puzzled. I am so puzzled by what I hear on this floor. Senator Foley stands up and advocates for pro-life, protect the fetus, protect the unborn, and yet he votes against me. He votes against child protection. I don't understand it. I hope that someone will explain this to me and make it clear why children who are alive don't deserve the same protection and passion that Senator Foley gives to those preborn. I also remember when we had the vote come up on the floor regarding puppies and 29 of us, and I'm included in this, voted to keep puppies with their mothers an extra two weeks because that was better for puppies, and yet we vote against a program that would prevent child abuse, a proven program, a recommended program that came out of the Governor's task force. We want more information, we want more proof. It's hard to prove something that doesn't happen, but that's what we're looking for. If we can prevent 40 percent of the child abuse in this state, I'm saying we need to do that. And I'd like to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers.