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because...

SENATOR FOLEY: ...with the other Title X providers. Yes, I do.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. Thank you very much.

SENATOR FOLEY: And I (inaudible) why (inaudible).

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Senator Foley. I'll let you use your time. Now we're getting down to it, and I think that's something that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...people in this Legislature didn't understand going into it, and I, quite frankly, didn't understand going into it. If...let's think about good public policy. Should teenagers have information on their own sexuality and on...should adults? Should people who are poor have the same availability to get family planning information as those of us who have a private doctor and we can go to it? I mean, that's what these family...these public clinics do, and that serves a greater good. And I worried about that all day yesterday and now I'm really (laugh)...now I've got it. This is much bigger than just the abortion issue, which a lot of people in here abhor, and I do too, but this is about government policy. Now we're getting into all the issues of human sexuality and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ... and what we provide in terms of help for the poor. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion? Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Don Pederson, Senator Foley, Senator Howard, Senator Chambers, Senator Stuthman, and Senator Janssen.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm not troubled by the pro-life stand of Senator Foley. He is