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we really have? And I think that's what bothers me about this whole process. There were many of you, many of us that were actually deceived, now I see deliberately, by Senator Foley to saying what we're talking about is expanding services to women. That sounds wonderful. Everybody wants to do that. The one thing that was missing, of course, in the package was the fact there was no money to expand those services, so now you read through the lines. And you try to give people the benefit of the doubt. You try to say, okay, well, maybe I understand what his views are on certain things, but with this we're trying simply to help women, and that was not the issue at all. That's why I was disturbed. Actually, I felt much more than disturbed when I found out about this. I think that this whole idea of abortion and the concerns that we all have about it, it is a very devastating thing in our society that we have that. don't know of anybody on the floor that's in favor of abortion. I don't think that's the issue. But there is a process. When I first was on the Appropriations Committee, I mentioned earlier one of the first issues that came up before our Appropriations Committee was an issue involving a process whereby women could receive Pap smears and chlamydia testing to determine whether they had either of those problems. Planned Parenthood was the only one that had submitted a proposal that they would be willing to do this, and so the question was, should we accept that. And a lot of people, purely because of this alleged pro-life stance, said, no, we can't let Planned Parenthood do this, and there was a condition that was put in the agreement with Planned Parenthood that they would not offer any abortion advice at all, and that's still in the law. So...but the question was, should we allow money to go to Planned Parenthood? And it turned out that I was the deciding vote in the Appropriations Committee. And I couldn't believe that the issue was let's don't give money to Planned Parenthood, even though it may save the life of a women who would then find that she perhaps had the evidence of cancer in her system...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...or that it would stop chlamydia, which was then a very vicious sexually transmitted disease. But the overriding factor with some people was don't give any money