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because it's, quote, Planned Parenthood. Now, what does Planned Parenthood do? We're trying...let's say the issue is we don't want abortions, but apparently we don't even want any advice to people as to how not to have an unwanted child which is then going to be the precursor for having the abortion. So it just seems to me the whole argument in this regard is disingenuous, but let me leave you with this. We have to maintain our integrity. We have to be honest with each other, and if we're not doing that then how do we know what to believe from anybody? I'm continuing my disturbed feeling about this whole thing because I believe we were deceived deliberately. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Foley, followed by Senator Howard and Senators Chambers, Stuthman, Janssen, and Thompson. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. First, Senator Brown, you made the comment that I was deliberately trying to steer funding toward the People's family clinic on North 27th Street because they do not do family planning. That's not correct. I came over to your desk and told you that, and I had my staff call them and confirm that they do indeed offer those services. So let's clarify that. Senator Don Pederson says he was deceived. Oh, I don't think so, Senator Pederson. You had more information than any other senator because I came right before your committee this biennium and I told you exactly what my concerns were with Planned Parenthood and the funding that they were receiving under this program. Read the transcript. I ask each and every one of my colleagues, read the transcript of that hearing and you will see the most outrageous slur against me from a fellow senator at that hearing. Read it. Senator Howard says, well, you voted for...you voted against my visiting nurse program. No, Senator Howard. Come on, let's get it straight. You brought a bill last year to create that program. You didn't have one dollar in that program, not one dollar. It was Senator Thompson who put the money in. She put the money in. You didn't have any money. You didn't even bring an A bill. And now you're coming back saying let's double it again. No, no, no, it doesn't work that way. You get your program started, we see how it works, we evaluate it, then you come back in and ask for more. We talked about that. I even offered to make some