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you know, we pinned it down. And I know some of you are going to continue to connect that as an abortion issue and if you want to do that, that's fine. But I'm talking to the rest of you, the thoughtful people who may have some room to consider the other part of this, and that is that you voted for something that was presented in a way that you didn't have all the information. And for me, this is an issue that I have gotten involved in and I wasn't really clear about it till this morning when I asked Senator Foley. I thought he was bringing more people to the table to have...provide these services. I knew he objected to Planned Parenthood. I'm quite, frankly, a little worried that he's running for State Auditor and he's somehow going to spin this into what he does over there to go after these Title X providers. I don't know. I hope not. And I want to go on the record as saying I don't think any of us think that by putting that amendment on he could go after those agencies that are getting this money for these additional services merely because they have Title X and they do family planning. Now, if you go to the Internet, if you look at any of those services that are out there, that were already in place, they list reproductive health and family planning as something that's a function of what they do, and that is (laugh) an important public health issue. That's important. It's important from the It's important at the state level. It's federal level. important at the local level. That is a good thing. Senator Foley and I disagree on that, but I believe family planning is good public health...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...money invested, very good money invested to help families plan for the number of children that they're going to have, and to help people who have health issues related to...that are sexually...due to sexually transmitted diseases or may have cancer. Those are important things to do. I don't think that's what we all got the full picture of when voting on this, and I think that's worth bringing back to discuss and talk about that amendment and how it's going to impact those family planning clinics and their ability to help the people who present there, the people who come to those clinics; to help those, as Senator Stuthman said, be able to afford to be