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available in our communities. They're very, very important. I don't want to see that go away, and I don't want to see them squeezed out because of some misrepresentation here and some mixed motivations. So I hope there are people here who will think about how that's going to impact those family planning clinics. This is not where we were heading...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...and I believe we need to revisit it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Further...Senator Foley, you're recognized, and this is your third time, Senator.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. of the speakers have addressed this question of the dilution of the program, so let me repeat what we talked about a couple of days ago on that question, because it is an important question. Under the original amendment that I brought, we would simply open the doors to more providers. Now this is before we got into the whole question of the funding levels. Under that amendment, we were simply saying, you Title X providers, we're taking away the monopoly, we're opening the doors, others can step forward if they want to and they can offer to provide these services. That's not a dilution of service. That's not a dilution of service at all. It's simply changing the array of Instead of having 14, you might have 20, spending providers. the same amount of money, performing the same number of services, serving the same number of women. And then we started talking about the money issue and I said, fine, let's raise the money, and we did. But there's also another dimension to this thing, and that's the issue that I talked about on the record with Senator Janssen yesterday when I walked him through the example of how a given provider, any given provider, could in fact be damaged by this thing, and I was up front with him about that. Because he was trying to say that his amendment was going to hold all the original 14 providers harmless, and I said, no, Senator, that's not right, and let me explain how that can work. And I used Lincoln as the example, the Planned Parenthood