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south Omaha and have an operation there that is incredible. Their facilities are certainly impressive and the number of people that they serve is equally impressive. Those folks often work in jobs where the businesses do not provide health insurance. They're low-paying jobs and these folks and their children would not do the kind of preventive care and treatment that they can get at OneWorld. So I am in full support of this amendment and am very encouraged to hear the number of colleagues here who have spoken in favor of it and, so far, no one in opposition. I can attest that I've seen the benefit of these dollars and when you divide the five clinics into the \$.25 million only that we're doing, we aren't giving them a whole lot of money anyway. But every penny is extremely important to these clinics. So Senator Pederson and others on the Appropriations Committee, I thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Governor, or,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Preister. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Kruse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I want to speak for the entire Legislature on this great thing that the Governor did as we cut the heart out of assistance in the Medicaid program. We came, we knelt, we groveled. I'd like to ask Senator Don Pederson a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pederson, how much money is involved in this override which the Governor has given the Legislature permission to do?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I don't think he gave us permission. We decided to do it prior to his acknowledging the fact that it was okay. The amount that we're really talking about is \$218,750.