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projects with people across the state, men and women who are interested in these issues. Senator Warner has also indicated that in terms of total staffing activities, the Department has decreased because certain federal funds that were available for certain studies and programs no longer are there. I think that if anyone here, and if Senator Newell would take the time to read through and look at some of the materials the Commission has developed, he could see that there is a good deal of information that they have developed with regards to questions of concern of women today with regards to sex discrimination, with regards to problems with discrimination in employment, opportunities that are available for certain programming, such as, displaced homemakers programs, concern about spouse abuse and so on. This agency can perform a very important function for referral. I think it has done that well. Our hope was to kind of strengthen that sort of referral and advocacy and information role with this person. I think that if Senator Newell would visit sometime with Senator Marsh who is not here today, he could find, you know, that she is very familiar with the programs and she would be glad, I think, to explain point by point the different things the Commission does, show him different pieces of information, perhaps enlighten him as to the role of the agency. I don't want to discourage Senator Newell from looking for places to cut but I don't think that this one is one that should be cut. I think it was thoroughly discussed by the committee and that his premise that this agency has grown considerably is not totally true because he is only looking at one side of the formula, the general fund side, and not looking at the total picture of the agency. So I would oppose his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, your light is on. Do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment?

SENATOR SIMON: A question of Senator Newell, please. A question of Senator Newell.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, will you answer the question?

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Newell, have you discussed this with Senator Marsh?

SENATOR NEWELL: No, I have not.

SENATOR SIMON: Okay, thank you. Let me ask you one final question. At your funeral, would you prefer roses or posies?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.