

with when I was a young woman. I always won all the way down to the altar but I do want to say this. The reason I favor this bill is because this country has had a philosophy for many years that kept women out of medicine. How many of you have got friends today that have had radium treatments and where would they be today if they did not have radium, and who discovered radium? It was a woman, Madame Curie. This is the saddest thing about discrimination in education. Many of us here today who have loved ones who have suffered or died from some form of cancer might have been cured if our universities did not keep women from studying medicine in the beginning of this country. You have to stop and think, Senators, what other dread diseases might a woman have discovered a cure for had she been given the opportunity to study along side of a man in science and medicine. It could have been argued a hundred years ago if we let women study medicine we are going to have to buy more microscopes. Who is going to fund that? So just think about it. We are only talking about equal opportunity. That is all and that equal opportunity that you give to women could one day save your life the same as Madame Curie and her struggles to become a pathologist and find a cure for radium that saves many lives today. So you are not just voting on equal opportunity. You are voting for new discoveries in this country, new horizons in medicine and in law and in all the professions. So I ask you to forget about this, who is going to fund it business if everybody has to have equal opportunity. Equal opportunity should be funded at any cost because it would be a shame for this country to say we don't believe in equal opportunity because the cost is too high. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I suggest there might be some members of this body that haven't read LB 628 too well. I have heard several comments about what we are going to force on the public schools and what we are going to mandate to them, the fact that in some people's viewpoint that sports is being have too much emphasis placed on it by the public schools, and that this is going to force them to have more expenditures on those sports projects that we shouldn't be spending so many dollars on to start with. Well, I would suggest to you that this bill doesn't mandate one damn thing to anybody. All it does is says that if you are going to provide a service that you have to provide that service to both male and female and it doesn't say you have to have a football program, it doesn't say you have to have a basketball program, a track or wrestling. By the way, many schools out there don't have wrestling for even boys. We don't say they have to have those things.