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about Viagra and the fact that it's covered by insurance, and there was no great argument to get that done, to treat women in such an insensitive manner I consider to be inexcusable. I think it is the worst example that I've seen of male arrogance, at the same time a lack of male self-respect. I see in it a fragile ego, a fear that women must be kept in that subordinate position in order for a man to feel like a man. Whenever you have to stand on somebody else's shoulders to feel tall, you are short, indeed. Let me say not short, small. Not everybody who is short necessarily is small. I am offering this motion in seriousness. This matter should come before the entire Legislature and we ought to discuss it because it is not the only problem confronting, not just our female colleagues, but women throughout this society.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If anything, it is the very small tip of a very large iceberg, and as with icebergs, in the literal sense, the greater portion of it is under water. The men who benefit from discrimination against women want to keep it under water. They don't want it to be discussed. They don't want it to be acknowledged, but as long as I'm a member of this Legislature, as long as I have a voice, I'm going to speak against these types of things and try to persuade my colleagues that as the civilizing agency in this state we have an obligation to do better than has been done and that is being done.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle. I am sorry, before Senator Suttle, I have an announcement. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. General Affairs Committee will be having an Executive Session now in Room 2022; that's General Affairs.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle, I am sorry. You are now recognized.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support the motion to bring LB 845 to General File. You know, men have Viagra; women have babies. I've distributed some information concerning contraceptive methods. The pill is used 31 percent