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for women and for the family, and I believe in them. But LB 480 is prompted by motives that I wholeheartedly support. I only want to respectfully express my disagreement with the public policy that underlies this bill, and for that reason I cannot support its advancement and would ask that you do likewise. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Redfield, please.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, members of the body. I want to thank Senator Jensen for bringing to our attention the programs that the Health and Human Service Department have been working on. I think it's important to recognize that this body made a policy decision that said they were going to coordinate the activities of health and human services, they were going to bring them all together under one body. And I think that was a good policy decisions. There's no question that there have been some bugs to work out in details, but I think that you made a good choice. And I think that this bill, while it has good intentions, may be fragmenting, may be diluting, may be causing us to be short-sighted in our approach to a health care issue which is very important to women. I would echo his sentiments as he expressed, the fact that we're not about forming commissions for the health of children, the health of men, the health of senior citizens, the health of the blind or the deaf, or any other isolated segment of our population. I think that many times when research is done they're looking at very common factors, and but for a little more money, or a little more time they may have found just the cure that would affect all of us. I have a very selfish reason today, I with they had a cure for the common cold. I look at the heart disease factors that face all populations in the state of Nebraska. We know that in the nation there is a National Health Initiative for Women, and I think that that can very successfully address the issues that Senator Schimek brought forward in coordinating specific women's issues for the nation. But within the state of Nebraska, our resources are limited, our health care facilities are limited, and I think that we have to be responsible in the use of those, that we can reach the greatest number of people with those resources. I'm very pleased to hear that they're working on these issues. I hope