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it's consistent with our culture that that's happened. I don't think it's a matter of malevolence. I do think, however, it's slipped through with a blind eye, and that blind eye is...must be overcome. It is not reasonable to have medicine defined around a paradigm, no matter how it came about, no matter whether or not it was based on the expendability of the male as opposed to some other cultural norm that the male paradigm is appropriate in the treatment of health. It's not and we have to attack that. I do find some comfort in the fact that those things which are gender-specific, in medical treatment, for example, the amount of money spent on cervical cancer as opposed to testicular cancer, where we spend money not on the general populace but on very sex-specific kinds of cases. There our public research indicates that we spend about three times more money for women's health issues than we do for men's health issues, and that's appropriate because there are more dangers and risks there to be accounted for. The big problem is not spending money on gender-specific research, there we're doing pretty darn well, it is in the treatment of general medical conditions with a male populace...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...as the subjects of those studies that is the problem. We need to have research done across a wide variety of people so that we can understand the difference in symptoms and the difference in appropriate treatment, and that hasn't happened to the extent that LB 480 can make that occur, assist that in occurring, highlight the results and learning from where it has occurred all the better, and I endorse LB 480, want to vote for it and think it's a good idea for the state.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am really appreciative of the fact that a bill like this is coming before the Legislature. I am gratified by the support that has been expressed for it. Senator Matzke almost caught me by surprise, but I suppose I shouldn't be, and after listening to him there no longer was any surprise. But my life has been filled with and is filled with the presence of women, two