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this bill falls into the warm, fuzzy category. You can feel good about passing it. The difficulty is that when you take a dollar bill and you spend it, it's gone. And you can only spend that once. Now the only way we can get that back is to again go to the people that supply the money that we spend, and that's the taxpayer. There is no question in my mind that a good portion, possibly all, I don't know, of the matters encompassed in this bill are handled at Health and Human Services, and that no additional benefit accrues to the taxpayers. And according to Senator Schimek, I have this on good evidence and I believe Senator Schimek, 51 percent of those taxpayers are women, 52? Senator Schimek, not to be disputing you, but in your handout it says 51. So Senator Schimek admits to another mistake. In any event, the purpose of this bill may be laudatory in the extreme, I don't question that, but we're paying twice for the same thing and I don't think that we can responsibly vote for this bill on that basis alone. Now a lot of the other things that have been talked about, that there is more money spent on men's studies than women's studies, I don't know, I do not know. No one has come up and addressed that factual point. We hear that that's true, but at the same time Senator Landis, on another bill, came up with how much of health care is accessed by women, and it was 85 percent. We are doing this now, it can continue to be done the way we're doing it now. And the ultimate beneficiary of this, those women who have health problems, will be the same whether we spend this money or not. I am grateful to Senator Engel for taking part of my remarks away from me, and that was about LB 298, which is Senator Schimek's bill, which I wholeheartedly endorse. Senator Chambers and I were discussing something. We frequently have these discussions because we disagree on so many different points. But I gave him a Latin proverb in English, because I didn't have the Latin correctly. Who shall watch the watchers? What this bill does, it sets up another independent commission. Now I had an amendment on this bill which I withdrew, because I think this thing can be handled here today. If it goes forward to Select, I'll put the amendment back on. What this bill does, it sets up another independent commission, and we have over 300 and some now, according to Senator Schimek's handout the other day or several weeks ago about 298. We're going to set up another one, and no one to watch what they do. Who shall watch the watchers? That quotation is several thousand years old, and it was true in