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the diabetes-related death rates, are five times higher than white females. In Nebraska, heart disease death rates for African-American women and Native American women are double the rate for white women. Some minority groups, including Asian American women, in Nebraska, are lower in the number of health screenings received for certain procedures, for example, Pap smears, mammograms, and blood cholesterol tests, and many more minority women than white women lack adequate health insurance coverage. Native American women have "noncoverage" at 44 percent. There are many issues in the state of Nebraska with regard to women's healthcare that have not been addressed and I believe that this health initiative will begin to address. Every year since 1984, heart and blood vessel disease has killed more women than men, but most people still think of heart disease as a man's problem and that's particularly true in the state of Nebraska. Only about 14 percent of women with osteoporosis receive treatment. Two and three cases of bone-robbing disorder go undiagnosed. That's what I hope that this health initiative will begin to address. In the state of Nebraska, the proportion of female adult AIDS cases has nearly tripled and, although minorities in Nebraska make up only 7.5 percent of the population, nearly one-fourth of AIDS cases occurred among minority Nebraskans with the most rapidly increasing transmission category among women, accounting for 40 percent of new cases in 1996. These have not been addressed up to this point and this is what I hope this health initiative will address. Do you know that women who undergo heart transplantation are more likely than men to reject their donor organs? Probably not. That's what I hope this health initiative will address. Did you know women most often fail to display the classic signs of heart attack? They have sometimes many subtle signs of heart attack, but that is not diagnosed. They don't diagnose it in the emergency room and that's why women are much more likely than men to die of heart attacks in the emergency room. Did you know if women take 1,200 milligrams of calcium a day it can do a tremendous amount toward preventing colon cancer and high blood pressure in women? Most people don't know that. That's what I hope this health initiative will begin to address. We do need a women's health initiative in Nebraska because we have a multitude of health issues that are not being addressed and which this initiative, I hope, will begin to establish policy about and actually begin to do