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national level, there seem to be arguments that some body or some agency is just getting ready to do something about it, but they had never done anything about it. A new administration may do something, but up to now nothing has been done and there is no assurance or guarantee. This bill gives us something definite. We have a degree of certitude that we never had before. Talking about accountability plays right into what this bill will do. Instead of having a little over here, a little over there, a little scattered around everywhere and never bringing it altogether and the individuals to be helped don't even know all the bases they need to touch to cover their entire situation, that would be corrected by what this bill is attempting to do. It is putting everything under one roof, so to speak, or all the ingredients in one pot, and that's what I think we need to do. It's something we have needed to do for a long time. Now I look around this Chamber. I see in front of me Senator Smith, young Senator Smith, a bachelor. I look to my right, I see Senator Cudaback, a bachelor. When you look to Senator Cudaback's left and to Senator Smith's rear, you see me, a bachelor. We comprise the "Bermuda Triangle", in a way. Things that fall within that triangle may disappear and never be heard of again. What we want to put into...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that "Bermuda Triangle" today, by showing that men can understand and grasp the significance of these things, we want to cause to disappear forever that tendency of a society to make women something less than fully human, something less than what they really are, to take away that inclination to grant to them less than that to which they're entitled. I hope that this bill does move and Senator Tyson and I will work out our differences other than on the microphone, because when he tries to stand against me it's like "Tom Thumb" Tyson against "Procrustes" Chambers.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Next speaker, Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, members of the Legislature, this is the type of bill that I, from time to time, take a very skeptical attitude towards because it does direct the creation