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attention that it deserves. So I would urge you to vote down this amendment and then support the bill in its original form.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Schimek. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I have a question to ask Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: What exactly do you intend for the council to do?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: To help develop direction for this program. As you will notice, there are 30 people on that council who have lots of expertise...

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...in all phases of women's health issues, and we purposely structured it large because we figured that only half of them or so would be able to come to a meeting. I mean you're not going to get all 30 of these very, very busy people, so that's why it is the size that it is. That's part of the reason.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Also, another question then, you are saying that you're not asking for duplication so then what is the problem with not, you know, having this in statue (sic), the director, when it actually says a little bit later that all of the departments can work together and may provide administrative and technical support?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Stuhr, I think that you have to have somebody coordinating it and I've been looking at some other agencies. Let me give you a "for instance"--the Wheat Board. Let's look at the Wheat Board. The Wheat Board has five staff positions. Currently, only three positions are filled, whenever this was put together, but they've got five staff positions and