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they are charged with developing the public policy of the state of Nebraska to protect and foster the health, prosperity and general welfare of the people by protecting and stabilizing the wheat industry and the economy of the areas producing wheat. They have the...

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, Senator Schimek...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...appropriation this year of...

SENATOR STUHR: (Laugh)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...\$1,181,000. Now I would submit to you that women are just as important as wheat. We should be able to get at least one coordinator for this program.

SENATOR STUHR: You know, I'm not saying that there's still, I mean, do you think that there still wouldn't be a coordinator? Because if we're really working with Health and Human Services that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: There isn't now, Senator.

SENATOR STUHR: Oh. Yes, I know, and that's why we are saying that we are bringing this to the attention of the Health and Human Services Department and what I'm asking is that it just isn't necessarily in statue (sic). We still have a chairman of the board, we have a vice chairman of the board. There's nothing saying that there still wouldn't be an administrative person that could share that responsibility as also serving as coordinator of the women's health initiative. I mean we're not saying that that's not going to happen. It could still and probably most likely will happen that there would be someone.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think the operative word is "could". I mean it hasn't happened to date and I think if this Legislature thinks that this is something important to do then we should do it. I have been around here for 11 years now and I don't think some of these agencies move very fast sometimes and we have all the authority in the world to say we think this is important and we think there should be somebody in charge, and that's what I hope you will do today.