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SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction) Can I have his time?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No. (Laughter) Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Here comes Senator Baker, if he wants...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle, go ahead and proceed and we'll worry about Senator Baker.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I, again, want to emphasize the importance of looking at this bill as an aid to the department. We do not treat our minority women the same way we treat everyone else. Minority women's health statistics are abysmal for this state. We have those statistics, so what are we doing about it? We're moving money around the state with grant...of grants, maternal, child health-care grants. We're moving money around the state. We're trying our very best to address minority issues in maternal, child healthcare, but are the ways that we are doing it, are they the ways that are best? What is working now that has worked in the past? What will work in the future? As the demographics and as we get the census count for the state of Nebraska we will look at where the women live in this state. Women make most of the decisions about healthcare in your family. They're the ones that take the kids to the doctor. They're the ones that make their husbands go to the doctor. They're the ones that usually take themselves to the doctor because if they're sick there's nobody there to do the onerous job of cooking and cleaning and taking care of the kids. Even if she works, she ends up having to do that as well. I think that any way that you can find to help fund and find money in another place besides tax dollars is a win situation for the health of the women in this state, as well as the taxpayers in this state. How can this be an onerous thing? How can this be so bad, Senator Tyson, to think that we would find a commission that would go out and raise money to help fund this? I don't understand why that's such an onerous thing to do. We don't do that enough in state government. I think we should. The number of women that need our help grows every year as we have more and