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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not do it. And that's why I will always support the right of a woman to make that choice and, contrary to what some of these narrow-minded, antichoice people say, I don't believe a woman makes a decision to have an abortion in the same way she'd make a decision to wear brown shoes rather than black shoes, a blue coat rather than an orange coat. Well, not orange. Nobody would make a choice to wear a coat like that, but you get the point, I hope. That is a very serious decision, one of the most intimate ones related to one of the most intimate areas of a woman's life, and to drag all of that into this bill is ill-advised and we should defeat this portion of Senator Tyson's amendment as we have the others.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Continued discussion on the Tyson amendment, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I really didn't plan to speak on this bill until we got to the main bill, but we seem to be getting off on other tracks and I would like to at least weigh in at this point in time and urge you to support Senator Schimek and what she has developed in her amendment, which clearly is to make it crystal clear, to be a little redundant, that this commission and this initiative are about women's health in the state and that is not going to get into the abortion area. One of the things that happens for a lot of us as we come into this body is that we become educated by learning about these bills. This is an area that I hadn't given considerable thought to or had spent a lot of time on, and just in the time of hearing this bill before the Health and Human Services Committee, in hearing information from a number of groups that have worked on this bill, I think it's very important that we get back to the central mission of this bill. Women live older, live on and live to be older than men in Nebraska, but we live older but we don't necessarily live better, and all you have to do is walk through our nursing homes, think of some of your elderly relatives and the problems that they have and know that women's health is an issue not only for the individual but also for us as policymakers and the costs that we incur because of some of the things that are preventable that happen to women. One of the things that I didn't know before this debate started, for example, is that the symptoms