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interest and some focus to this very important issue. And I hope that gives a little bit clearer idea why this bill was introduced in the first place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Suttle, on the Schimek...on LB 480, excuse me.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Pederson, I don't know whether you were here yesterday afternoon for the discussion that we had on this particular bill, but I wanted to reiterate some of the points that I made yesterday concerning the purpose of having a coordination and cooperation within the Health and Human Services System to address the statistics that the Health and Human Services System already compiles. I don't believe that this particular bill is duplicative or demeaning to the department at all. I think that what we are trying to do is aid the department in spending dollars more wisely. We are not trying to duplicate anything. We are not trying to obliterate anything. What we're trying to do is to aid the Health and Human Services System to do a more efficient job. Also, the commission that you...that you don't feel comfortable about, the...that's not their only thing, looking at data and telling us where we ought to spend our money. It is also there to raise money from the private sector, therefore, not using tax dollars and using private money to implement this initiative, and I think that is a wise course to follow. Any time that we don't have to use tax dollars and you don't have to deal with it in the Appropriations Committee I think it's good for the state of Nebraska. And I would urge you to feel more comfortable with this bill and realize that this...this initiative is to help with minority and especially minority women, who are the ones that need our help the most. The statistics involving diabetes, heart disease and other things dealing with women's health is...is very, very poor in this state for minority women, and I think that their quality of life and their family's quality of life is an important aspect of our duties in the Legislature. And I would urge all of you to support this bill. It is not duplicative. Every Woman Matters is great but, again, it deals with reproductive parts and, as I said two or three times yesterday, we are more than our reproductive parts, and I would like to urge you to feel comfortable in voting for this as a way