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been done on men, needs to be reexamined for what those conditions are for women as well. The research needs to be better. We need to know more. We need to know the symptoms for women, not just men as a stand-in or surrogate for both sexes, but we need to know and have trials run and learn about those general conditions for women just as we need to know for men. So the lung and the heart work and all the rest of that needs to be done, it seems to me, and we need to learn about that for women, which is why LB 480 is a terrific idea. Last thought. On the money spent for one-sex-only circumstances, such as cervical cancer versus prostate cancer, in the only places where we have actual choices between men and women in our research dollars, we spend about four times more for women's health than men's health on a sex-only basis. But the overwhelming research is on conditions that we...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...share and the overwhelming amount of that research is on men only and that's the problem. That's why we need to do everything we can to learn more about women's health and LB 480 is a step forward. I support it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I am not able to join the chorus that sings in happiness about LB 480 because everything within this bill is already being done. The reports are being generated. What we're buying here is we're buying paperwork, we are buying spin, we are buying propaganda. It is a costly device and I would point out to you, via a handout that was done on General File, that this is unwanted by the department itself, the one that's going to do it, because they're already doing it. This just adds people to it and at rather expensive people. It is costly, costly being defined as costing more than it's worth, costly being defined as not giving value for money. Now what kind of money are we talking about? It was mentioned here the other day when this was on General File that this is a bagatelle, a picayune. This is nothing. It's a couple of hundred thousand dollars. What's that to big spenders like us, the "Gratiae mockers" of Nebraska. If you extend these numbers, what we are voting on today is not