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number of times over the years that I have participated in activities that have been sponsored by the Women's Commission. And, in fact, just the other day, last week, there were six of the women senators of this body that participated in a panel discussion at the Cornhusker regarding a women's health conference, and that conference was convened through the leadership of the Women's Commission and it actually brought in people from as far away as Scottsbluff, Senator Smith. I know they've done those health conferences now for about five or six years, maybe longer. They're fabulous. They're fantastic. And I'm not saying that they couldn't be done without the commission, but I do believe that the commission becomes a convener and an organizer for a lot of these issues and a lot of the other groups and agencies are brought in because of the Women's Commission. I remember long ago sitting in on panel discussions and forums when they talked about when women in politics was the focus of these forums, and at that point, frankly, there weren't very many of us who were in elective office. I don't know if all of you know it, but it wasn't until 1976 that any woman ever served on any board of supervisors and county commissioners, and that was Jan Gauger here in Lancaster County. She was the first one ever elected to the board. I think the Women's Commission has been a motivator and an agency that has encouraged involvement in a whole host of arenas. I believe that through the commission it has involved a great many women from a great number of communities across the state, and has had an impact locally as well as statewide. I would be very, very, very sad to see the women's commission go under. I know that some people have suggested, and perhaps it's true, that they have the capability of raising money to underwrite their existence. I don't know that and I wish that if we were going to do this that we could give them some time to adjust to that fact and be prepared. Now, as...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...as I understand it, their funding would cease as of the end of this fiscal year, Senator Wehrbein? That is correct. He's shaking his head. It seems to me that a fairer thing to do would be either to decrease their funding for a year or so or at least give them a year in which to build the