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reserves necessary to continue their work, and I think their work is important and I think that it should continue. And so just to cut them off at the knees, so to speak, I think might be a wrong way to do it, so I would ask you to consider that as you are considering your vote on this particular part of the amendment. The Women's Commission has over the years, I believe, proven itself, and I believe there is a need that is still there. So with that, Mr. President, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Kruse, followed by Senators Bromm and Louden.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members I will vote for this amendment, and Senator Chambers has eloquently stated the reasons for it so I'll not attempt to repeat that. Women are demeaned, put down, devalued in our society, and the lower their income the more they are devalued. That's just a plain fact of life that we need to deal with. However, I feel the relationship of the commission to the Legislature is improper and I call upon the body to be looking at that, trying to figure out what is the best relationship. Senator Schimek has already spoken to it in a way. It is time for us to change this relationship or get out of it, and I would hope that all would participate in good faith in accomplishing that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. If I could ask Senator Chambers a question, if he would yield, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, I just wanted to be sure I understood this. The adoption of your amendment would restore funding for the Women's Commission.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it would restore the amount that is contained in the original copy of LB 407.