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be losing one of our colleagues. I think everybody is aware of that. And she's not going to be placed...replaced with a female senator, so that will take us down to 11 women senators in this Legislature, down from a high of 13 several years ago. addition to that, in 2006, there will be 4 more women leaving the Legislature, and that will take us down to 7, or 6 maybe it is. I may have not counted things exactly right. But I'm very, concerned about that, because I think some of the experiences in other states have found that women and minorities have actually lost ground in the term-limited atmosphere. so I am concerned about that. I think the fact that we now have 11 women, or 12 women right now, is very positive. No longer do I serve on a committee without any other of my female colleagues on those committees. Senator Chambers, I know, other than you and Senator Aguilar, we don't have representatives from other minority or ethnic groups in this Legislature. And that must feel kind of awkward for you at times. But I think you've feel kind of awkward for you at times. managed to overcome any of that. I think you've more than made up for the lack, perhaps. So all I wanted to do is to raise the consciousness and make people aware that we, as members of this Legislature, need to be encouraging people to run for the Legislature in two years from now and four years from now, and try to keep some diversity in the legislative body that we already have. And I think that's very important. I'd also like to comment on some of the questions that you were asking Senator Stuhr a while ago. Because I know for a fact that the Hispanic population is the largest growing population in the state, and that the Hispanic students are the most numerous requiring English as a second language in our public school systems. And yet, I don't think we're encouraging enough Spanish-speaking...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...students to go on and get a higher education so that they can be teachers, so that they can be police officers, so that they can be attorneys, so that they can be in a position of being bilingual helpers of other people in this country. And I just think it's critical that we keep that in mind as we talk about encouraging all students, of course, to get the best education that they can. But particularly where we have a dearth of bilingual people in this country, I think that