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SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I should have said, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Chambers, AM1441. Senator, I have a note that you would like to withdraw AM1441 and offer as a substitute AM1463. (Legislative Journal page 1390.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's correct.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any objection? Seeing no objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Chambers, AM1463.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment which would restore funding to the Women's Commission. I was trying to call it up on my gadget but I've got other things on here. The first form of the amendment was much longer. In order to have the money to do this, I wanted to take twenty of the largest agencies in terms of the amount of money they're getting and, as somebody described it, it's like a gnat on the body of an elephant. From each of those entities, I would have cut \$10,000. The total would have equaled \$200,000. That would be the amount that I would want to appropriate to the Women's Commission. It has been determined, between the time I filed that amendment and the one which we're considering now by way of a substitution, that it would not be necessary to cut \$10,000 from each of those entities. So what this amendment would do, for the record, is go to page 82. After line 24, we would insert the following: From the General Fund would come \$200,000 for FY 2005-06, and a similar amount for 2006-07. We would strike line 27. Then on page 83, strike lines 1 through 6, and the purpose of that is to get rid of anything that would suggest that the commission is not to be funded. The other day I expended some venom. It is unnecessary to utilize any venom today. The amendment has been discussed by a number