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of you with others on the floor. So the amendment is clear in terms of what it does, the amount of money that is involved. And if you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them. But I should not stop before giving my rationale. As a general statement, if commissions were to be eliminated, there are numerous commissions which should have suffered that fate before the Women's Commission. Some people have objected in the past because they say the Women's Commission is an advocacy agency and they don't think the government should be in that business. If you look at the Department of Economic Development, that is an advocacy agency for business. The Department of Environmental Protection has often served to hinder meaningful regulation of industries and operations that do, in fact, harm the environment. The Department of Agriculture is an advocacy department. There are others that you could mention and compile quite an impressive list, and they are funded to the tune of multimillions of dollars per year. This is a small amount which will help an agency, a commission, operate which is able to perform a service which is needed. There might be disputes of the kind that I've touched on already, and I'm not going to go into depth on those things. But the record should have something that would show a bit of what this commission has done and is capable of doing. For many reasons, women wind up in very dire circumstances. The "General" this morning said sometimes bad luck follows a man. In this society, dire circumstances befall many women. Some who start out life and enter young adulthood have not had a bad set of circumstances. The reversals that anybody will face they've faced. They might wind up in an abusive relationship with a man whom they do not marry, but they did not know it was going to be abusive. They wind up becoming entangled with this person, they may even start a family. So it is not easy to just pull out and go someplace else. Women who marry find themselves similarly situated. It is easy for people on the outside to say, well, just cut and run. There's no place to cut and run to. Women don't want to leave their children and, as strange as it may seem, they could even continue to have fondness for the individual who is doing the mistreating. Nevertheless, there are circumstances where a woman does feel she needs to go someplace immediately where there is safety. The Women's Commission is able to make recommendations, make phone calls, provide assistance in those