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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...we felt it did not need to be. Pardon me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I said one minute, Senator.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR KRUSE: I have no difficulty with the floor expressing its judgment on this basis, but I would urge you to think about it in that term of basis. If you feel that this is advocacy which we should fund, so be it. But that was the basis on which this decision was made. Again, it was not to cut funds, it was not to hassle somebody. It was, we hoped, and the reason we left it in statute was, we hoped that it would make it more powerful, more effective, they got private funding, then they could come at us in a stronger way. I close with an illustration from my wife who, when she was chair, said: It felt like...I always felt like I was a teenager going to my parents for an allowance. I was in a diminished position, a subservient position, and I could not advocate freely.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR KRUSE: This would allow a person to do it. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Stuhr, you are next in line to speak.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I, too, will be supporting this amendment, and I did just want to make a couple remarks about the commission. The commission has been established for 40 years, and I can tell you that things have changed in many of the lives of women today than compared to 40 years ago. I do commend the commission on the work that they have done, but I think that we also need to offer them some challenges. If they are going to continue, I