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he felt was not the type of questioning he should be subjected But I will continue in the way that I go and making the approaches that I do. But I take no offense whatsoever at the comments made by Senator Thompson and, in fact, I'm pleased that she made them. But I will also say that what she needs to do--yes, and I'm being judgmental--and the other women on this floor, is stand up and speak out for the rights of women, speak on the issues that relate to women, and express opposition to activities on this floor and bills that denigrate women and the status that women ought to hold but don't hold in the society. Now that's my opinion and obviously I can't make anybody do anything. But Senator Thompson opened the door, and I appreciate that, so that I can discuss some issues that pertain to women and their status. And I just happened to have anticipated what Senator Thompson might say because one of the articles, "Women on the Job Hit a Wall." Many have rearranged their lives as much as possible raising the issue of whether the gender revolution has peaked. Then this one, "Desperate Housewives Star Says She Was Sexually Abused as a Child." I Senator Thompson for opening the way so that the discussion of those matters will now be relevant for the rest of the day. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Louden.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to continue my discussion with Senator Mines.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, would you...

SENATOR MINES: Yes, Mr. President. Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mines, if you were discussing a civil engineer and somebody asked you what particularly impressed you about that civil engineer in terms of what he or she may have done, would you have mentioned designing of a runway?

SENATOR MINES: Probably, if in fact it had any significance...airports do have significance; certainly would.