

from all areas of the state for we must have five representatives from each of the six judicial districts. So not just Omaha and Lincoln are represented. We have men and women serving on this commission. Last year the commission responded to 5,894 calls for assistance and referral. In the last eight years the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women has received over a half million dollars in federal funding for specific projects which never would have been accomplished if this commission were not in place, were not funded with state dollars. The commission is already maximizing volunteer efforts. Over 2,927 plus hours were contributed this year. Yes, that's right, contributed this year. That is not even a year's length of time. Did you notice? We have not held a public hearing to do away with it, although we held a very lengthy involved public hearing when it was created. I believe that the 51 percent of the population who have no other agency targeting that population should be represented in the State of Nebraska. I strongly support the amendment to place back into our program the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women. This is a commission which is speaking for all of us, rural or urban, poor, middle class, wealthy, we all have needs and we need the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women. I urge your support.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called for. Do I see five seconds? I see three or four. Yes I do. The motion is to cease debate. Those in support vote aye. Those opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is ceased. Senator Wesely to close on his motion.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, I would first like to give Senator Nelson a couple of minutes. Senator