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North Platte is 250 miles from Chadron, Nebraska, approximately, I think consider me perhaps to be closer to them than Lincoln is. Nevertheless, I think as I sit on the budget committee and I've looked at the way we have got ourselves to the point where we are here today, it is from looking at programs and we say, well, this isn't a lot of money, and I guess we will do it, and then they grow. So I guess the question, I guess I'll just as Senator Marsh, if she would respond.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh is on hand to answer questions.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Marsh, where are...

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber back there, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Marsh, where are the current Displaced Homemaker Programs right now in the state? Just for the information...like you said, people might have been asleep this morning and we want to get them now while they are asleep again I guess.

SENATOR MARSH: We have programs and several satellites in addition to Omaha, Grand Island, North Platte, an area in McCook, Scottsbluff. They are not all funded by state dollars. That is the question I think you were ready to ask me next.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I have a series of questions. What would you estimate it would take if we provided equal access for all citizens, all worthy citizens, all women of our state to this program, approximately how many programs, satellites, whatever you want to call them, what do you think...how many do you think it is going to take?

SENATOR MARSH: At this hour of debate, I would not begin to make an uninformed guess, Senator.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I recall this morning Senator Warner saying approximately twenty. Would you think that is reasonable?

SENATOR MARSH: I would guess that probably is high.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, what if it only took fifteen?