

SENATOR REMMERS: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next...

SENATOR REMMERS: We'll raise the call. Call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Landis, Smith, Marsh, Goodrich. It is on page 1480 of the Journal.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is an appropriation of \$98,000 to fund the Commission on the Status of Women. It is long overdue, and I would suggest that you pay attention and listen to the debate because I think a case will be made today that this is one of the best ways that we can make an adjustment to the budget bill before passing it on to Select File. I get the opportunity to discuss government with students because I teach government every now and then. And I'd like to suggest to you that government has changed over the years and has taken on for itself more duties. And I'd like to suggest that we no longer simply care for the sick, but we now go beyond that to immunize, for example, school children to prevent disease. We go beyond simply waiting for, for example, a food poisoning case and then allow the court system to solve that wrong, that individual wrong by creating something called the Pure Food and Drug Act which has testing and the insurance of safe standards. We not only compensate the unemployed, but we have something called the Job Service to get them jobs, and an Economic Development Department to ensure growth in the economy. In other words we don't simply right individual wrongs, but we look to root causes and attack those root causes, that some problems are not simply the aggregation of individual problems which need to go to court, but have to be looked at as a societal wrong and need to be attacked. That is why government intervenes on behalf of safety, on behalf of health, on behalf of employment and, before the disaster occurs, before the wrong occurs, tries to see to it that the game is played fairly, that people are treated safely, that their health is secured, and that employment opportunities exist. That is what the Status Commission is, in my estimation, all about. It is not so much the righting of individual wrongs. That can be done in a variety of ways.