

the matter of waiting for a disaster to occur and then mopping up, waiting for a wrong to occur and then individually solving it. But the commission is part of that part of government that lifts its eyes to the horizon, sees problems and then seeks to solve them, communally. Social ills, and they exist, I know there are those who believe that those problems can be solved by other groups, by the Health Department, by the Education Department, by the Labor Department. The virtue of the Commission on the Status of Women is that it has an excellent network of relationships with those departments, and can tap into their resources. But it is not the responsibility or the function of those departments to see the very special social ills involved in the status of women. It takes a special vision, and that vision is not part of the expertise of the Department of Revenue, or the Department of Health and Social Services, or the Department of Labor. It takes a focusing mechanism. Just as in a telescope there is a long tube that contains a large mirror, so too is there an eyepiece. That eyepiece is a way of focusing all the power of the telescope into one bright, clear image. The mechanism to place the social wrongs that occur in the treatment of women into clear focus for the rest of the power of state government then to be spent towards solving is the Commission on the Status of Women. I urge you to adopt this amendment, to spend this \$98,000, you will reap far greater reward than this cost.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is probably more pivotal than just the subject of the amendment. There will be and there have been a number of requests for reinstatement of appropriations that have been discontinued either in the special session or in the regular session in 1985. Without question, as is always true of appropriations requests, there is merit in all of them. It is seldom that an appropriation request is right versus wrong. It is always right versus right, or nearly always right versus right. But the real issue, I suspect, if we reinstate some there will be logic to reinstate all, and that is not to say you shouldn't separate them out, but there is some difficulty in doing that. The fundamental basis for discontinuing the General Fund appropriation a year ago was a broad, philosophical argument which really is the one Senator Landis is making, and that was what was the proper role of government in terms of