

providing not only General Funds, but a structure for various groups to function, to organize and to strive for purposes that they wish to do. I wouldn't for a moment argue that there aren't a whole bunch of other ones because there will be, and have been, and are now. But nevertheless, as is always true, the growth of government occurs in pieces. It occurs in pieces because we, by necessity, deal with them in pieces and the public only gets upset when the pieces are added up. So in a very large degree, notwithstanding the merit of the proposal, there are and there was the feeling a year ago that there were a number of the functions that were conducted by the agency that if not being conducted by other agencies could have been conducted by other agencies already in existence. And if there was a failure for those agencies to carry out some of the responsibilities that they could, the corrective measure is not to establish a new agency but to redirect the efforts of the agencies that were already in existence. Now again the request for the status of women was in the vicinity of \$160,000, \$98,000 of which was for the state office essentially. And the balance of the request was for a very...for a number of area type of organizations across the state which is again conceptually probably a worthy way. But I also would suspect that if the \$98,000 is reinstated it will only be a matter of time before we will provide the additional expansion to the area offices, none of which is bad, but all of which will have some ongoing increasing costs. The legislation...the appropriation bill does carry the cash authorization so that those agency...or this agency...

SENATOR REMMERS: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...could continue to function as a statutorily recognized agency, but would have to depend solely upon donations and on volunteers, primarily, to carry out their functions. Again, I would suggest that the adoption of this amendment, should you choose to do so, is of greater significance because it will undoubtedly provide the basis for reinstating a number of other appropriations that will be pending later on, as a general rule. There are only two minor exceptions that I can think of. We have very carefully not reinstated...

SENATOR REMMERS: Time.