

duplication of services. Where a service is started and can be continued by a state agency, the women's commission has moved on, left that segment, has utilized the state dollars in cooperating with state agencies. It is a wise expenditure in this time of rural crisis in our small towns...

SENATOR REMMERS: One minute.

SENATOR MARSH: ...and our rural areas. We need to be sure that this agency can function well. We have had a commission, a state commission for over 20 years. Older women, many of whom have no pensions or significant savings, need the services, rural women, women of color, pregnant teens, and children of working parents all have special unmet needs. This is our tool to provide services, particularly for the rural women who will not receive those services if we do not provide these minimum dollars. A Harris poll, taken in October '85, showed that 85 percent of...

SENATOR REMMERS: Time.

SENATOR MARSH: ...Americans believe it is only fair, after years of discrimination, to set up special programs for women, especially rural women.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support this motion. And, as Senator Warner has already pointed out, putting together a budget is a difficult task, it is delicate balance. I was on the minority side on this issue in the committee and I don't break from that committee recommendation lightly. I have pondered this issue many, many times. And this, I can tell you, is absolutely the only permanent cut that we have made that I will support reinstating. And I want that to be made perfectly clear because, as Senator Warner points out, when you start adding things back into a budget it is a dangerous precedent to do and it is pretty easy to start adding all kinds of items back in. And that would be disastrous in a year that we have the kind of budget we have now, or for that matter any year. But here are my reasons for urging you to accept this particular amendment. I think we made a mistake. I think, upon reassessing where we are with this situation,