

that reason, I've decided to change my mind and support reinstating something that we made as a permanent cut in the Nebraska budget during special session. I think it is in the best interests of the future of Nebraska to look after women and children. And I think this agency has proven its ability to address those issues. I am concerned, as Senator Warner...

SENATOR REMMERS: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...Senator Warner pointed out, about the possibilities of duplication. But upon looking at the kinds of services that we have out there right now I don't think that problem was being adequately addressed. I can assure you that I intend to continue to look for places where duplication might be happening. But I want to give this agency a chance to perform. They've done a good job of going out and building a public-private match to address what I believe is one of the most critical trends in the United States today. I urge you to reinstate this item. Thank you.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, have changed my mind. I'm not going to reiterate all of the comments that have been put so well to you today. But I have changed my mind based on the supreme effort that has been made by the commission itself on behalf of all women in the State of Nebraska. There has been an effort made, throughout this last year, to show that they really did mean what they said when they felt that this is a very important service that needs to be continued for women. The amount of money that has been raised on their own behalf will continue. I'm very pleased about the effort that has been made in Hastings, Nebraska, which is my own district. And, based on all of these things, I rise just to ask you folks to consider the same thing. Senator Warner has expressed concern for future requests for expanding the program. I think, based upon the effort that we've seen made this year, that this is not something that is going to happen. I don't believe that I could support another expansion kind of attempt. And I think that what we need to do is reinstate the \$98,000 and expect them to continue to support, partially at least, their own program in their own efforts, and this will make a good viable program for them, one in