

Legislature. The absence of that voice, the absence of that information bodes ill, not just for this Legislature, not just for the Appropriations Committee, but frankly for the people of the state. As far as I am concerned \$98,000 for the women's commission...

SENATOR REMMERS: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...is but a very small price in making certain that they are rightfully included in part of our collective visions and dreams.

SENATOR REMMERS: I'd like to introduce some guests of Senator Wesely, under the north balcony. Cheryl Piwenitzky of Lincoln, Lincoln Region V, and Nancy Piwenitzky. Welcome these guests. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I move the previous question.

SENATOR REMMERS: Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor vote aye. All those in favor of calling the question, vote aye. Has everyone voted? Has everyone voted to cease debate? Debate has ceased. Senator Landis, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do, Mr. Speaker, and because of the attendance of the body, at the end of the close, I will ask for a call of the house to bring the body in for voting on the amendment. I would like to address, in part, the concerns of Senator Warner, which I think are legitimate, but at the same time cast the question in a slightly different way than I see it. I know that the Appropriations Committee believes that last year's cuts were permanent. That is a working assumption, however, by that committee. It may well be a legitimate assumption, but it is not an assumption that this body has ever endorsed. I don't feel bound by that assumption. Secondly, it seems to me that the Appropriations Committee has asked all of us a number of problems and questions about last year's budgeting by making statutory changes into bills and requesting that our committees vote on them. And the Appropriations Committee has done very well in front of the very committee that heard the continuation of the status of women, the Government Committee. They sent us two or three different bills, all of which were reported out in one form or another. Our committee was capable of distinguishing between the cases