

that were made. And in the bill that was sent to us by the Appropriations Committee there were three different commissions. We reported out a repealer for two of the commissions based on the record of evidence that we had before us. But in respect to the Commission on the Status of Women the room was filled, the testimony was lengthy and persuasive, and the committee was capable of distinguishing between the rights and rights that were brought to us that day, just like I think this body is as well. That should not be an empty exercise. What the Government Committee went through, in weighing and sifting that evidence, should not be an empty exercise, it should mean something. Now is the time for that to come to fruition. We took testimony, we heard about the past practices and the needs for various commissions, and we distinguished between rights and rights. I'd also like to add that there are at least three members of the Appropriations Committee whose names are on this very resolution to inject this money into the budget. So the notion that we somehow jumped off the edge of the world last year, by making these permanent cuts, is an assumption that I don't share in, that the Government Committee operated upon, I think, in doing its job in hearing the bill that repealed the commissions and came to the opposite conclusion, and that I would ask this body to come to the conclusion that I share and that is that we are capable of making these decisions individually, and where we are of a like mind, or a majority mind, we can put them into the budget, that we need not be bound by some blood oath that I never signed last year in the dealing with these budget cuts. In conclusion, before I ask for the call of the house, let me say that the record is fairly clear I think. Certainly had you been on the Government Committee you would think it was clear. This has been an efficiently run commission. We've gotten a great deal of work out of this group of people. They've done an excellent job. Their accomplishments are very great. In general they work at preventing social problems, at minimizing them, not simply righting individual wrongs, but dealing with social questions and where the law needs to make higher standards or different rules or new programs. Ultimately this \$98,000 is an expression of a value.

SENATOR REMMERS: You have one minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: That value statement is that the historical record of social and economic status of women, in this state