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Gentlemen: A simplified functional approach to delivery of health and human services is attractive if it will improve delivery of services and still not lose the visibility of each function. However, this has not been true with the establishment of DADS for the aging population which has been lost in a larger agency unrelated to the needs of senior citizens. Therefore it is an appropriate time to establish (re-establish) a separate department on Aging. The senior population is growing more rapidly than any of the other groups served by HHSC (DADS) due to immigration, increasing longevity and the aging of the very large "baby boomer" generation. Senior issues differ from other population economically, socially, institutions, health, and transportation. This position is justified by the establishment of the Older American's Act and a special Committee on Aging in our Texas Legislature. After a great deal of consideration by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, the establishment of a separate Department on Aging was identified in the form of a resolution as a top priority. Albert Campbell.