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LB 972A

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen has the first amendment to the bill, Mr. President. (AM3275, Legislative Journal page 1557.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on AM3275 to LB 972A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. There is a process for the Advisory Commission that we're creating here, the IV-D group that we've talked about yesterday and today. For them to do what they need to do requires some funds. Now, in the past, Senator Coordsen has been asked to take money out of the Executive Board's budget. This is more than what they're going to be able...or should be expected to pick up on a cash flow basis. I have put in an amendment for \$30,000, which I know is a small amount. But it's necessary. They can also leverage that \$30,000 to be matched with federal funds of \$60,000. It's one-third we put in, two-thirds they put in. That will be sufficient for them to hire the people they need to do. And this is primarily the consultant types, this is primarily the people who come in and look at the system. This is...no expenditure is going to be made for any permanent or temporary salaries or per diems for state employees. So we're not going to be adding new employees to the state rolls. But they're going to have to have some people come in here as we go along and work out the bugs. They'll primarily be people who have worked the bugs out elsewhere. This will not impair what Senator Brown has done. Hers is obviously a much higher amount in this fiscal note and in the appropriations bill. But this is a small addition to make sure we don't fund this out of the Executive Board's budget of the Legislative Council. I would appreciate the passage of this, and I think it would make the system work a lot better. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Coordsen on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Kristensen's amendment brings forth something