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Now the Committee last year held four hearings in Executive Session, and they held one on September the 29th, they held another meeting October the 20th, they held another meeting November the 27th, and on December the 13th, this day is rather conspicuous, the Government Committee voted to eliminate the office and transfer certain functions to other agencies. Now there were no records kept of this meeting whatsoever. The four things that the Committee, former Committee that heard and studied the resolution said that should happen was...and I think these were brought about by the department of...by Senator Warner, they eliminate the requirement that the Office of Planning and Programming review and approve or disapprove the formation of hospital authorities. That's one of them. Eliminate the requirement that the Office of Planning and Programming formulate a biennial six-year program setting forth specific actions. That was two. Number three is eliminate the requirement that the Office of Planning and Programming consolidate data files or data banks, and review and approve or disapprove the establishment thereof of separate banks, and the fourth one was to eliminate the requirement that the Office of Planning and Programming maintain an office listing of state aid distribution by the state agencies to the unit of local government. We took this bill and amended it, and basically what the amendments do are very simple, and I don't get the right bill here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you through, Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KEYES: The main thing that this did was change the name of the agency to call it the Research Office. We also changed it to...oh, why don't...I had it marked in the bill, and I don't seem to have that bill with me now. The Policy Research Committee, yes, but we also did away with several of the things in it during these amendments. Do you have them? We changed the name, no doubt about that. Senator Duis, what are some of the things we did? I had it all marked and I seem to have lost it right now.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry but we'll have to...we've got some other lights on, Senator Keyes. We're under a fifteen minute rule.

SENATOR KEYES: Oh, here, I have the whole new bill now right before me, and it is a long bill, but this bill...this amended bill was brought up by Don Stromberg and Duis introduced it for him, and it's to mandate a change in the name of the office, and that's the biggest thing that it does. So, Senator Duis, do you care to explain what else