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of Planning and Programming and I think you were one of the people instrumental in destroying that agency the other day and I wondered if maybe you might not have one of your assistants correct that reference in section 6 to State Office of Planning and Programming. I am assuming there is not going to be that office.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Murphy, I thought about that and that is a good point.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Madam President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Newell, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Newell, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell, does this... This bill does not have a sunset provision. Does it or does it not?

SENATOR NEWELL: I would say in the traditional way of the sunset provision, no, but it does say that the fact that 1980 they will prepare their report and then they go out of business so on that basis I would say that was a sunset...

SENATOR LAMB: Does it say that they go out of business? That is my concern. It seems to me we establish these boards and commissions and they stay in business whether or not there is a need for them after their primary purpose has been served.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Senator Lamb, I would argue that it is strongly implied and it is strongly implied because it is a... It is not a commission, it is a commission to do a study and after the study is completed there is no longer a reason. Now also if you will notice the fiscal note on the proposal, it is for one year's duration. They run out of money and they do not get funded again. The fiscal note is for \$9,000 and that only will allow for their activities for approximately seven or eight months action. So for that reason I think it is an excellent...

SENATOR LAMB: I think that the next Legislature could very well fund them for a longer period of time. Could they not?