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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am a little bothered now because I would like to have you understand I have been here quite awhile and I don't think I have ever attempted to coerce or anybody, fool them in any way at all. I have explained what is in this piece of legislation and the only reason for my amendment to it was to make it consistent with what the Appropriations Committee had put in the appropriations bill prior. This is not an additional expenditure. This would not have been eliminated in any event, because even under sunset legislation, that office stays in effect for one year beyond. I want you to know and, Senator Schmit, I am not trying to fool anybody. I haven't tried to and I haven't tried to coerce anybody and I think my record will show that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to advance the bill? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Duis, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis, do you yield?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Duis, is there any change in the amendment that refers to anything other than the change of the name from the Office of Planning and Programming to the Policy Research Office, is there any other change?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, there is, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Would you explain that change to me please?

SENATOR DUIS: It eliminates a requirement on the disapproval on formation of hospital authorities.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, pardon me. Now if I may enlarge upon that a little. If you check the testimony before the Government Committee, Mr. Oberg, who was Acting Director at that time, emphasized that they weren't performing that function anyway. They weren't doing anything in that area. The Department of Health I believe he said was doing that. There were three responsibilities or four that they were... that were being removed from the office none of which they were performing anyway. So the facts are that, as I said