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an executive session of the, I assume it is of the Banking Committee immediately under the South balcony. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I think Senator Newell really has said what I have been thinking. It seems to me that when we spend money here in the State of Nebraska it ought to go for services as much as possible and really the only reason we need a commission at all I think is to perhaps determine the needs but also to get the grant money. That is really the purpose of the commission. When you hire an executive for a commission, one of the criteria that you are looking for is a fellow that knows how to fill out the forms so that we can get money from Washington and I believe that one office could do a lot of this and combine several of these so-called potential commissions that we are talking about. In my work in the county we tried our best to consolidate the Division of Alcoholism. It is called by several other names and Mental Health because we had corresponding programs going. It was like pulling teeth. I'm not sure they have it done yet because it just seems like that, especially Washington doesn't want to work with that kind of a system, but I would like to see the money that we spend here in Nebraska go for services to these people, not for another commission or several commissions. I think we need perhaps one as Senator Newell has said. I don't very often myself agreeing with Dave but today I do and I think you certainly should not have a commission for every disability there is. I think that we can combine these and save some money and get the job done and serve these people with services instead of another bureaucracy. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members of the body, they are calling for me under the South balcony but I sat in on this hearing and I have to say a few words in regard to this deaf people. I think they are some of the bravest people and our blind people also and the least we can do for them is give a little thing like a commission. How can anyone sit in on a commission if they don't know some of the problems and situations? We can't take people out of the woods and such to sit in on this commission. We have to have people that are qualified, people that understand their situation and I am very distressed that we would have people stand up here and talk against people