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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Chambers and the question he addressed to Senator Hefner answered one of the questions that I had but I would have an additional question or two of Senator Labeledz if she might respond, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Labeledz, the initial start-up fee for this particular commission seems to be quite extensive and excessive for the number of persons to be served. Do you have any figures that would give us some guideline or criteria with reference to other commissions that have been formed in the past with reference to the initial initiation fees for commencing with that commission?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Oh, I do. Just a minute. Senator Stoney, I don't really have their start-up. I am trying to find the sheet of paper that Senator Venditte passed out and it was a chart showing in other states. Of course, I can't give you the State of Nebraska because no commission has been set up but I do have the figures what the money will be spent for if that will be of any help to you.

SENATOR STONEY: Well, Senator Labeledz, that might be helpful but referring to the figures that Senator Venditte circulated, that is one of the points I am attempting to make. We were asking here, it is my understanding, more than the \$210,000 which we presently rest on this bill. Senator Hefner is offering this amendment at \$150,000. When I look at some of the other commissions in the other states and their initial initiation budgets were somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000, \$35,000, \$30,000. The question comes to mind for the State of Nebraska, why is it necessary that we begin with a \$150,000?

SENATOR LABEDZ: If I can use quite a bit of your time I will tell you why some of these states.

SENATOR STONEY: Fine.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay, first let's go to Iowa and I did find the sheet that you received from Senator Venditte and I want you to notice that some of those were started in '71 and '73 where there was no federal funds available