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change. It is just a situation where physically they should have been located with the Crime Commission probably when they were created.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Does the Crime Commission want to have them?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Crime Commission will accept them, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Will accept them...

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Crime Commission will accept them, the Department of Corrections doesn't...yes, they would like to have them and the Department of Corrections doesn't care. The members of the board approve the move and I don't know of anyone that objects. I didn't know of anyone until you raised an objection, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I am not necessarily objecting, Senator Schmit. This is just the first time I have seen this idea and I sometimes wonder when we go shifting these different groups around from time to time whether there is any logic or ultimate benefit to what we are doing. I guess I just had occasion to look at LB 536 and I have got some serious questions about that now and I am having a little trouble seeing what the perceived benefit is in this particular case. Logically it seems like Jail Standards does have to do with Corrections, the Department of Corrections. Obviously, it has some relationship to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice also I suppose but the perceived benefit of transferring this around like this is that somehow they think they are going to get better services from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice than they are getting from the Department of Corrections. Now the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, is that a code agency?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, it is, I believe.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And does that have a governing board?

SENATOR SCHMIT: There is a Crime Commission, of course, which is the commission.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess basically my question is, is this going to give the Governor more or less control over this particular function?

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING