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of us do have so it was a very necessary program and I think a good one. However, now most of us do have an administrative assistant, a research aide, and these are supplemental type of assistance that we can get through these interns and I am not so sure that the function that they serve is the same as when they started and so I think a reevaluation is necessary. I think my own experience I have had twenty-eight different interns in my office over the past three sessions in three years. I have had them working voluntarily in my office and they have put in time from maybe five to ten hours a week, up to even twenty and more hours a week, and they have volunteered their time. They have gotten some credit from school and that is about it, and aside from that, that is really their compensation and they have put in time that I thought was outstanding without any sort of monetary gain at all. And I have been so impressed with them to then see that these other interns come into the offices, and I have watched them, and I have watched the fact that they aren't getting the supervision they should have because they are sitting around their Senator's office and they are reading the paper and they are going to other Senator's office and they are trying to find something to do. They aren't supervised. They aren't given the work that they should. They should be doing something for the money that we are paying them, and they should in that process be learning more as a result. And so I think that we are wasting money at this point with the program as it is presently structured and I was just concerned about the fact that I have tried to see it changed and I have tried to do something about it and I haven't seen that change and I am ready to cut the money out, the \$42,000 taxpayers are paying for this program that I don't think they are getting their money's worth for. However, as a result of the amendment that is before you, I have had a chance to talk to Senator Lamb, with Senator Marvel and Senator DeCamp and Senator Fowler have all talked to me about this amendment and their concern is that the program is one that was started with a worthy purpose, that the goals involved are not some that we should abandon at this time without due consideration, and so they have expressed an interest in working with me, to meet with Jack Rodgers and the Research Office to try and work out some of these problems. Now what I see as the changes we need is to provide more supervision for these individuals. We should have clear authority over what they do and what they do not do. We should not have a split amongst several people who they have to answer to. I think we definitely can improve this process and I know Senator Lamb has done some things that sound to me like they are the answer, that he has

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