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But by taking this \$200,000 out of there, we will have to change our policy because we can't take that chance. If we let one person, one Senator have two people, we have got to let everybody have two people, so with this money taken out, we will have to change our policy and probably make it maybe one and a half people each. And I am not opposing that, I am just telling you what the result will be. Then on the back page, the last page, the \$495,000 in capital construction which would be eliminated from the budget, that would mean that the two hearing rooms that are scheduled to be renovated on first floor, we just wouldn't do any work at all. We would kind of exist like we are which we can do. There is no problem with it. It is just the part of the continuing process that we have outlined in regard to hearing rooms and Senators offices will just be postponed and I have no problem with it. I just want to explain what the situation is.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, a question of Senator Lamb.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Lamb, since you brought up the question of staffing, what policy are you referring to? I always thought whoever was the strongest might get the most help whether you need it or not.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, that has not been the policy, Senator Koch. We do have a policy where committee chairmen are entitled to a certain number of people?

SENATOR KOCH: How many?

SENATOR LAMB: Four.

SENATOR KOCH: Four?

SENATOR LAMB: A person like yourself...

SENATOR KOCH: I am understaffed then, right, or are you counting me as one of those?

SENATOR LAMB: You're one of those people who probably may be from time to time understaffed.

SENATOR KOCH: What I am asking you, Senator Lamb, I am not going to get involved with staffing, but this means that we won't have to take any additional cuts providing that we

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