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signed this particular amendment at this time. I urge you to vote for this particular amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman asks unanimous consent to remove his name from this amendment. So ordered. The motion is the adoption of the Cullan amendment. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 57 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment lost.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LAMB: The chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the amendment I am proposing is a \$13,000 cut from the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. \$13,000 is a drop in the bucket of course. The amendment is not designed to help us resolve our fiscal problems in a direct sense, but I am hoping that this drop in the bucket will be like the first drop in a bucket that it will have a little ping to it. A little resounding ping that I hope will go as far at least as the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission and perhaps, I hope, further. I have passed out on your desks, an explanation in detail, of why I am asking for the cuts and I'll try to briefly outline to you my rationale. But briefly let me say to you that I have myself and one of my staff people have spent a great deal of time over this summer and this fall pursuant to requests from constituents looking into different problems alleged to be occurring in the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. That personal investigation is ongoing and we have not reached conclusions on a number of items. But, on three different items, we feel like we have reached some conclusions and I feel very comfortable with these conclusions and yet I am getting a response from a bureaucracy that is a negative response, that is a response that is saying, we don't feel like we want to compromise on the problems that you are identifying. I need your help in moving a bureaucracy to solving some of the problems that are occurring there if you hopefully agree with me that there are in fact some problems. The problems that I want to identify for you today are basically in three categories: Travel, personal employee training expenses and the salary of the executive director. The executive director of the Equal Opportunity Commission has spent on the average the last four years two business months, that is two months worth of business days travelling out of state at the state expense. That doesn't count instate

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