

that he made, but I know he did extensive work over a long period of time. I raise the question only because if the comment is that this brings it into line with other boards, usually these things, if you do one, we get another 10 or 15 or 20 over the next year or two and, collectively, they can be significant, or while individually they are not, but more importantly, there is the broad public policy of whether or not and at what level people should be reimbursed that are asked to serve on a variety of these commissions, and that what is the criteria. In fact, in this case, as Senator McFarland has indicated, the individuals have to do substantial pre...substantial time in prior to a commission meeting of reading briefs and other areas, but I would have a concern that we pick out just one unless there is really, in fact, a significant imbalance in relation to boards as a whole. My tendency would be to vote no, not because it is an amount here that is significant, but because what it will, I suspect, inevitably lead to, and maybe a more appropriate, and perhaps the committee and, Senator Coordsen, you could respond, perhaps the committee based on your remarks did, in fact, have the opportunity to review all of reimbursements of all the boards that exist, and I don't know how many hundred there are, but there are several. And I think that we need to keep in mind that this is a precedent that we are dealing with, not a single issue that affects one agency, and I would appreciate, Senator Coordsen, if you could indicate some basis on which I assume the committee had information that showed comparisons with other agencies or other commissions and commissions with similar or like responsibilities.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, would you respond?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, Senator Warner. No, we did not look at all of the compensated board members. We did have a list of, I believe it was six, of boards that the committee counsel felt were reasonably similar in nature and time involvement with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission. We had the State Highway Commission. I think there was a Hospital Licensing Board, several others. The range of compensation that we had ranged from 20 to 50 dollars, plus, as is generally accepted, the actual expenses of...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...each board member. Thank you.