

come to an agreement, there is an appeals process that can go to the Ombudsman's Office. I understand some people say Ombudsman, some people say "Omboodsmen", that particular office is where it is going to go. Public Counsel will be much better, and I will do that, the Public Counsel. That office then will be in charge of, if you wish, going through the record and making a decision. That decision would be final with the exception of, obviously, you can then appeal to the courts based upon the structure that has already been set up within the statutes of the State of Nebraska. One of the problems and question, actually it is not a problem, one of the questions that has arisen is, should there be a committee or should there be the Office of Public Counsel to do this because some people, quite honestly, say they do not trust the Office of Public Counsel to make a wise decision. I find that kind of interesting because when we get to a discussion of whether it should be a committee or not, where that seems to break down in this case is that there is such an extreme mistrust on both sides in regards to this decision, I do not fathom how a committee would be able to be formed that all sides would agree upon. It would make it a very politicized and a very turf oriented type of debate that we are going to have of who is going to be on the committee. The Office of Public, whatever that was, Senator Landis, is going to be an unbiased party. They have no stake in what actually is going to happen. They will look at the records. They can use whatever is available to them. They can use the tools of the office to get all the information they need to come with a decision, and some people say, I just don't trust the Office of Public Counsel, I just don't trust them. That is fine. If the Office of Public Counsel makes the decision and you look at the decision, you look at the records, and you say they erred, you can appeal it, but in most cases, the record is going to be quite clear and this is a system that can work. By the way, I might point out to the body, particularly to new members, that we had a bill last year, LB 612, I believe is the LB number, which also dealt with this, and it had a committee structure within it. The arguments against the committee structure by the Historical Society and others within the body was, number one, you are setting up another, technically, board within a board, and that is a quote from the Historical Society, and you are also expounding funds for another area that we already have something in place in statute to handle that, and so they were against the committee structure at that point. I feel it is only best to use what we have. We don't need another agency. We don't need another committee. We don't need another A bill in order to