

unreasonable to hold this bill, to not advance it. There is nothing that is going to hurt their efforts. All it does by creating the divisions and keeping them is strictly a little more accountability and, frankly, I think they deserve that, not saying anything against the current director, but there has been three, four or five directors in the last five years, and I am not saying anything against the department. But, obviously, when you have that kind of turnover, there is going to be changes and such. It is an indication maybe next year another director will come in and have a whole different litany of things they want to do. I don't see the advantage of this. I am not against economic development, and I am not against economic growth. I am not against the director. I am not against their goals. I don't see this as an advantage. I would hope that we would just hold off on it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, further discussion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I knew that was going to happen sooner or later. I lost one of the books. Maybe it is just as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I am going to vote for this bill and I understand we are to have a machine vote. I resent Senator Wesely's statement, and I get this from other people, too, that just because I haven't been in the Legislature that I don't know what is going on in the world. I do know. I have paid attention to all those directors. It is not Roger Christianson's fault. I don't even know Roger Christianson really. It is not his fault that we have had such a turnover in the Department of Economic Development. Way back when we had a movie being made here in Lincoln we had to have a film office right away in the State of Nebraska. We have had one big film, another one down in Tecumseh or wherever. What has that office been doing? That started back in ancient history. You keep quoting all these things that happened a long time ago, and I have been reading them and keeping track of them. There is a lot of people out there, constituents, who are reading and keeping track and understanding what is going on. I am weary of this constant barrage of insults and whatever you want to call them, these statements, against the Department of Economic Development. Why don't you give them a chance? Maybe we should ask Senator Wesely to resign from the Legislature and we'd appoint him director, and see what he could do. That...it seems to me everybody that is running for some other office constantly finds something wrong with the person who is in charge, and I do think it is political. Don't ever say it isn't