

could be reduced significantly with some changes and that is the direction I think we will eventually get to. So I would hope the body would support the resolution and the concept that as has already been said, the very major role of a legislative body is to review an oversight responsibility and in this case it has taken a remarkable amount of time to do that but, nevertheless, I think it is being done thoroughly and correctly and I would hope that the body approves it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, I'll be very brief. I stand more or less to defend Senator Schmit as chairman of the committee when he did mention several months ago that we should follow the money trail. Believe me, some of the evidence we turned up was by following the money trail on the airplane flights and other expenses. I also would like to say that the State Patrol, the FBI, the Omaha Police Department and the Attorney General's Office at one time or another during the first investigation had said that there was nothing there actually, even though I thought there was and I agree with Senator Chambers on that because I believed everything in the first investigation and in the second investigation. But I firmly believe that as we continued on past July we were able to uncover witnesses that have never been talked to by any law enforcement agency before and, to me, they were very sound, honest young people that came forward and jeopardized not only their own safety, but their families and so forth. So I applaud those young people for coming forward because it's very difficult for any member of the committee to worry about the safety of those children and the witnesses that we do have. I can recall in the past 14 years that I've been here studies that we have had on different issues, one in particular where we allocated I believe it was 250,000 for a tax study. Then they came back and asked for another 100,000 and so many of the studies that we have had and paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for, those studies are on the shelf and nothing has ever been done. I assure you that if we spend another dollar, you'll get results. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I'll pass.