

the chance that it is investigative work and the person doing such work is an investigator, I have now added to the title of my legislative aide that of investigator. She does things of much greater substance than that, things in the nature of research, independent research, making phone calls and indeed, actually investigating. So we have people on our staffs who are doing this high professional work and not being paid for it and not even carrying the title. So if you walk in my office, above the door of my legislative aide in very large letters is the title, investigator. And I think at one of these Executive Board meetings some consideration should be given to adding compensation to any legislative aides, any administrative assistants, any secretaries who do investigative work. Give them the title behind the slash mark/investigator and pay them accordingly and we can get an idea of what they should be paid by checking the salary given to Mr. Vlahoulis. All of that having been said...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I wish the committee well and I do believe they are going to come forth with concrete recommendations because from the time that I was on the committee I saw things that needed to be changed. So I hope that this resolution will indeed pass.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please, followed by Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. First, I'd like to emphasize that nothing I have said this morning has anything to do with any individuals on the committee nor the work that they have done. I think that what has come out of the committee is very good. I just wish at this point that they would focus on corrective measures rather than continuing the innuendoes about influential people who might have been involved or continuing investigations and saying we've turned it over, but they are not doing their job. I am really pleased to see that Senator Wesely has brought in LB 886. I am anxious to read that bill and I think that if you focus on strengthening our foster care program, the training of foster care parents, there are bills that are sitting that would help that situation, then I am all for your continuing the committee. I simply think that you should focus on a different field. I think the investigations are at the point where you're investigating the investigations.