

And the key to this, I think, is to keep the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the judicial branch working together to coordinate activities. We have now brought in a very important piece, and that is the community. And so, if we can move ahead on this front and make this structure work, I think we will finally have begun to bring about significant change in a system that all of us have felt has its place and has done some good things but sure ought to work a lot better than it has. And so, with that, I would ask you to advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield was closing. I have a request for a machine vote. The question is the advancement of the bill to E & R engrossing. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 662.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 662A.

CLERK: LB 662A, Mr. President, I have no E & R. I do have an amendment to the bill by Senator Scofield. (Scofield amendment AM2738 is on page 1059 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. The only change in this funding bill is that we give a part-time staff person to the Office of Family Policy. I still have concerns about the ability of that office to carry out the tremendous task that is before them. But this is essentially the first step. She does need help. And the other thing is we move...operations is moved from the Department of Social Services to the Office of Family Policy. I think that empowers the new director, who I am convinced is going to work hard and is going to try to take on an almost super human task, gives her a little help and starts her down the road. In the original bill we had funding for staff at the level of 12,711 for '90-91, and 13,385 in '91-92, funding for operations is 22,330 in '90-91 and 19,287 in '91-92. We move all of this into a special program, program 112, in the budget of the Policy Research Office. That Policy Research budget also includes \$25,000 for operating expenses of the commission. I would refresh your memory as well, as you look at this A bill and you say, why is there so much money in here for