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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. I'll now recognize Senator Pirsch, followed by Senator Nelson. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. I also had...some of the questions have already been asked today, but I did hear a little bit of difference between what Senator Nelson said and what Senator Haberman said. Senator Nelson is going to speak next, but I'm still unsure, Senator Haberman, if this is a new program or if they're already doing this. Do you want to clear that up?

SENATOR HABERMAN: It's already happening for employees 50 years and older, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I see.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This extends it to...

SENATOR PIRSCH: This does call for hiring...

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...employees under...

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...two more people and that's just because of the volume of those under 50. We already have the public safety...or the public information officer and the staff assistant for the over 50?

SENATOR HABERMAN: They can already attend seminars for over 50.

SENATOR PIRSCH: The seminars being state employees...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, PERB people.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...who put this on. I guess I have a lot of concerns, too, about establishing this in the statutes and actually creating a new program and I know, and probably it will be discussed in the A bill, the travel expenses and the other expenses that accompany this. So I have great reservations. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Maybe I could help you out with a few of the figures. Right now there are approximately 10,900 active