

think, is the key word, primarily an executive or administrative function. Committee counsel for the Education Committee, because we have...one of our methods of operation the last few years has been creation of study commissions legislatively with the responsibility to study a problem and bring back a proposed solution to the Legislature, we have created a number of those that have both legislators and executive members serving on those, the School Finance Review Commission, the School Restructuring Commission, the Higher Education Study, are just a few of those. I think we've also had bills dealing with studying the college or the schools at Nebraska City for the Visually Impaired and the School for the Deaf in Omaha. We have a number of those out there and it's a situation that we do, in fact, need to resolve. As a matter of fact, we do have a list of a number of different commissions. We have the Boundary Commission that Senator Wehrbein is serving on. We have the Job Training Council that Senator Elmer is a member of. We have a Commission on Block Grants for Education on which I serve. We have had, oh, a number of different measures like that. Committee counsel for the Education Committee found in researching these cases that these cases were not study commissions as such. These were ones where money was actually being spent, rules and regs were being developed, in other words, it would be akin to a member of the Legislature serving on the Telecommunications Commission or a member of the Legislature serving on the Depart...the Board of Health, licensing doctors, and those types of things. I don't think we have any of those in Nebraska, any of those particular cases. What I'm proposing we do is we state, as a matter of state policy, that legislators ought not to serve on commissions that are primarily executive or administrative in nature. And our definition of what executive or administrative in nature would be is that they have rule making and regulation making authority, they're charged with the implementation and administration of previous state or federal legislation and they're primarily responsible for the distribution or expenditure of funds to carry out an ongoing public program, and then state that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit members of the Legislature from appointment to or service on a board or a commission which is primarily charged with the study, advisory or policy formation role and function. This amendment is on page 1660. We have more research done on this topic. We will be bringing the matter probably back on Select File. I would, first of all, thank Senator Baack for allowing me the opportunity to discuss this measure here on