

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Conway, I guess I'd like to ask another question or two. Do you consider the A bill on this fairly current now? And, here again I want to express some of the concerns that Senator Kristensen raised about the expense, potentially, of this additional board, and if you consider this A bill current at this case, then I'll comment later.

SENATOR CONWAY: I should ask you, Senator Wehrbein, which A bill are you talking about, because they have been revised. What is the number?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the most current A bill then. That's, I guess, probably the reason I asked the question. Which bill do you...what do you consider the current cost of the board, as presented envisioned, under the way the law is written...or the way the proposal is written right now?

SENATOR CONWAY: I have revised a bill, dated 4-5-91 and, to my knowledge, that is the most current, where it has the breakdown of the expenditures that comes up with \$161,000 the first year, and then drops down to 139 in the following year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right, that's on the back page of that, right?

SENATOR CONWAY: Okay. So if that's the one we're talking about, yes, that's quite current. And I even powered this up. Usually with A bills I was trying to lessen the blow, but I do want these people to have the dollars that are going to be necessary to function. One thing we also must notice is that about 33 or 4 thousand dollars of the money in the A bill, the Secretary of State probably isn't going to give up out of his budget. But the things that are going to...are expenses that happen regardless, when you talk about \$12,000 for ballot preparation, that's going to happen whether it's the Secretary of State or whether it's this new commission doing it. So a lot of the expenses actually transfer over. Also the first year I powered up the number of meetings that they will have to probably attend this first year, because I think that's going to be the biggest working load. So their per diem is certainly going to be more expensive this first year, until they get geared up, and then move into regular meeting sequence. But, no, that is the most current A bill. Again, we never said that