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be happy to answer any other questions. At this point I would urge the adoption of the amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Pirsch. Okay. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Conway or Senator Kristensen if they would care to yield.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Kristensen, let's talk a little bit about the financial cost of this. I noticed that we have a fiscal note that was prepared January 21, 1991 where it says approximately \$95,000 and another fiscal note, and I imagine this has to do with the committee amendment, but it says that it would be some less than \$95,000. Would you care to go into that and tell the body here, tell me and the body here what you think it will cost and I realize it is going to depend upon how many times they need to help us out. So I'd like to have you or Senator Conway elaborate a little bit on the fiscal cost of this.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Hefner, I don't know how they actually calculated the 95,000 and I don't believe that is a magic number, but certainly let's look at what some of those costs may be. You probably are going to put someone on retainer and that would mean that we at least have engaged, I would assume at this point you wouldn't hire someone full-time in house, that you would have someone off in retainer. They would be controlled by the Executive Board, I assume through use with the Clerk of the Legislature who would be at least our day to day contact with those people and the cost would indeed depend upon how many times we use them, what scope of legislation you get into or use. Quite frankly, it they are not issuing opinions, and that's what we take out with the committee amendments, you reduce quite a bit of the day to day things. I'm looking more at appearances in court, giving us legal advice as to members who may appear in court. So in terms of numbers of dollars it would be less than the 95, I'm confident. But quite frankly we're going to have to pass an appropriations bill and that is going to become part of the budget every year as well and if we feel that we're spending too much or too little, the appropriate place is going to be the