

Governor is doing his job and I guess it seems to me that there is no need for the most part of the bill and I say that for this reason. If, in effect, they need one more person to fulfill the purposes for which they were created, why not go directly to the Appropriations Committee and ask...and present some justification for this additional person. Why do we need a description of the job? I don't think we need that. There is general language up here that says assess and monitor programs for services. You could ask for another person to do that and it would fall under the definition of what they have described as a mental health specialist...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...advisor. To me, this is kind of a jump around the Appropriations Committee, around the Governor and now this commission is going to get in into a much heavier way to the provision of services and I suggest to you that if you think about the fact that there are a 170,000 hearing-impaired people in the state, 17,000 of which are estimated to have these kinds of problems that we're talking about today, drug, alcohol and mental services, that the money that we're talking about today isn't going to go very far. The last point I would make is let's see what is going to be required to be done by ADA with regard to DPI and these other institutions. That federal act is going to require them to do a lot of the things that this commission says they're going to do. Well, now who is going to do them? Are they going to do them or is this commission going to do them or how is that going to be coordinated? Senator Crosby, I'm sorry to ask so many questions at once...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and I'm sure I haven't been entirely fair. I hope you will address some of those perhaps.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair recognizes Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Crosby, I have a few questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR ROBINSON: There is no one else in the State of Nebraska