

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do you know how many people work for the commission? Eight?

SENATOR CROSBY: He must have looked that up.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Wehrbein said eight, he nodded his head.

SENATOR CROSBY: I don't have my book, oh, you had your book.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I guess I wonder what those eight people do, but that's I guess because I don't know much about this commission.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, for the amount...and what is their budget, Senator Wehrbein, maybe you could help?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I do appreciate the discussion. These are the questions that need to be asked and I'm happy to try to answer them. Senator Robinson just touched on how many people work for the hearing-impaired, eight people, and the budget is around \$400,000, off the top of my head and from the book. These people work...I really do think it's a very labor intensive group of people because they work with a large segment of the population and they have their meetings each year and work with the members of the commission who, incidentally, are appointed by the Governor. So the Governor does have some influence whether or not it's a code agency and I share the same feelings, I said that earlier that Senator Beutler has about the number of commissions that we have to address all the problems that we have in this State of Nebraska for all the people who have problems. But the other questions I wanted to try to answer, the other programs for people, as I said earlier about the Hispanics, yes, we need to work with them. Asians, we have a big Asian population that we need to have people who can communicate with them. In the City of Lincoln we have a Vietnamese police woman who coordinates