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creates that independent bureaucracy only at a much higher level.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Did Senator Hartnett, I'm sorry, did you yield me the rest of your time?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sorry, I...

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'm done. You can have it now.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: You have about two and a half... (microphone deactivated).

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. What I would like to do is...there was a couple of phrases...and Senator Beutler is owed some kudos for his examination and his amendment forced me to look at the technical...the way my amendment was technically written. I had made a mistake and misnumbered it or did not put a precise term in there, and I've asked Senator Beutler to help me correct that, to put that amendment that would completely take out the opt-out provision and we're going to do that here. But Senator Lindsay was talking about funds of money being sent out. I want to make sure that the body understands the condition...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...of where I believe the bill is and certainly our intent is that it be state funding of staff and people that would go out and give assistance, as opposed to a pool of money that could be accessed and used. That was in the green copy. That is not in at the present time. And the other issue here is, what about...and Senator Chambers is off the floor, but I'm sure he's probably listening, in my opening I talked about quality of defense. I see this as a quality of defense issue first. It does happen that it will have some relief for the property taxpayers but it's main thrust is