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SENATOR ROBINSON: How about the... how about the 61,000 dollar person? Will he be in Lincoln?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Not...I mean there's no requirement that any of the group live in Lincoln. Okay?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Will they have offices?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, they're going to have offices here, but they're also going to be out traveling around. They can do that as well.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I just wanted to, Madam President and members of the body, I just wanted to remind the body that I think this is a good bill and I supported the bill from the beginning. The only problem that I had with it is... is I thought that at the outset that the cost was somewhat more than we could when we're looking at a time when everybody, as Senator Kristensen indicated, is looking at fiscal restraints and trying to save as much money as we can. I know it's a roll of the dice whether, in fact, you can hire qualified people, but, as I indicated earlier, these jobs are somewhat similar on the order of what county assessors do now and as somewhat in the line of appraisers. Some appraisers don't make that much in a year, obviously some make more, the same way with attorneys. But I guess my idea was that if we could save 75,000 dollars and make it work, fine. If we can't I suppose we have to go back and look at it, but this was just an idea that I had and I'm sure, as we move through this process in these latter days of the session we're going to find many people who are going to be scratching and trying to find some way to get this done. And I have to tell you, in all honesty, one of my main reason for asking Senator Kristensen to allow me to put this amendment up was I felt like it would maybe help get the bill passed where otherwise I wasn't sure that we could get the bill passed and I do think it's an important bill, as he indicated, for equality among the taxpayers of the state and that's what these people's job is supposed to be and I thought that the idea, if we expected it to pass, needed to save as much money as it could