

recommendations given to us as to what the revisions need to be. We can do that on our own, if there's a concern of that. We don't need to spend \$14,500 of taxpayer money to do that. And I also think that...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...that the discussion that we had earlier on the expansion, I know Senator Chambers has alluded to the fact that this is kind of a racial issue. I know there was some concern about it being a gender issue. I don't want to bring that into it. I simply want to say I don't believe this is really vitally important to the taxpayers in the state of Nebraska, and I think it would be very prudent of us to go ahead and strike this money at this time. They can still continue, they'll just have to do it, I guess, as a service to the state of Nebraska. So I do support the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I guess I'm the...I can't remember all those bad words, I'm the sham, I'm the person who's wasting the money, I'm the person who's committed all the wrongs, and I'm here to tell you that now is not the appropriate time to rehash the debate on whether the Constitutional Revision Commission is worthwhile expenditure. That's kind of silly, because what this is all about is the following--the commission was created, there was a mistake made. Because the bill had \$12,000 in it last year it slipped by without an A bill and got read before the budget bill. The minute that it happened it went over, it got signed. It's my fault that I didn't recognize I needed an A bill, and I let it go through without an A bill. Soon as I figured out that that was the problem, we go and last year put in \$12,000. As you remember the debate, there was envisioned, and the last commission, quite frankly, had a full-time executive director, staff, and this body didn't want to create a whole new commission. They didn't want to spend money for desks, and chairs, and computers, they didn't in fact want us to even hire a full-time executive to, in effect, manage it, because this requires, if you're going to do it right, it requires quite a bit of time and work. Anyway, \$12,000 got put in last year, went through and got appropriated into the legislative account and to be distributed by the Exec Board.