

Exec Board met and was to dole out those dollars. Now, what we've done is discovered that we also are going to need a little bit of money because we're going to have to do things like photocopies, pay somebody's mileage to come in. This money is for people who don't live in Lincoln, quite frankly, and have to travel. And the legislators can't use this, they're not taking money out of this. But it's to basically compensate them to travel from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, or for Omaha. And we all get offended greatly when we're asked to travel and not get reimbursed to travel to the Legislature for expenses. And it is for the Legislature's benefit. This committee, in two years, will make its report to us, we'll have to have a debate on anything that would ever come before it, it's for our benefit. The other thing I suppose is that we needed another \$2,500, and we're putting this into.... And so the reason it's 14,500, it's the original 12 grand that was in the Legislature's account, we're now creating that separate line in the budget, so it's isolated out, and we're adding \$2,500 for such outrageous things as photocopies, paying some mileage, and publishing some notices as to when the meetings are. And the meetings are even open, that's unbelievable. We even post notice of when they are so people can come. Now, Senator Chambers is probably correct. He's got a policy that says that he doesn't like the membership. But when the bill was passed and the A bill mistake was made did you have any idea who the members were going to be? Did you know they were going to be 12 white males? I doubt it. And if you think that people knew that they were going to be 12 white males and there was this great plan that we're going to subvert the rules and we're going to be able to take \$12,000 out of \$1.7 billion, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Senator Chambers has a legitimate argument to complain, as others do, about the membership makeup and the appointment process. Now that's a whole other debate. And that's not a wrong debate. I'm just going to stand up and explain to you why there's \$2,500 additional put in there...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and why there was the original 12,000 put in there. And I think that it's kind of silly to say that we shouldn't compensate those people, that that's a waste of the state's money, but that's a legitimate...I suppose...you know, we do that all the time. And sometimes smaller amounts of money create most of the dispute. We'll spend many billions of