

funds or donations from public or private sources, and that is added, because there has been some indication that there would be some interest in people or individuals or private sources provide some funding. It would be housed in the Department of Administrative Services as far as a budget...budget issue. Again, it would, as I indicated, would end and be dissolved at the end of four years, when it was no longer needed. I think some of you may recall, I believe, Senator Hillman, we had some discussion about this, this concept with some of the bills she had suggested that and others have, but I'd ask that the bill be returned to permit the adoption of this specific amendment and the rule be suspended to permit it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Would like to recognize a guest of the Legislature. We have Danielle Kuhlman from Lincoln. Danielle is under the north balcony. She has been working in Senator Coordsen's office as an intern. So, Danielle, could you please stand. Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Hillman and Wehrbein on the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules and in support of the amendment. I had a chance to look at this in the discussion with Senator Warner earlier and I do think it is very much in line with some of the things that we had talked about. One of the concerns I've had about the property tax package as it has gone forward is the general efforts to limit budgets and cap levies have succeeded, but specific efforts to try to reorganize government, to try to achieve efficiency have failed. We, in a number of bills that have been introduced, did not see much progress on many of these. Specific solutions to problems are difficult to come by, resistance is strong, so it was a disappointment to me that we were not able to see more specific types of solutions to the problems we have with the cost of government. What this is, is an attempt to, in my view, compromise a bit on that by setting up this commission and trying to get to some specific ideas, and working with local governments with some expertise brought in to find ways to be innovative I think helps constructively channel the discussion that will occur over the next two years. Rather than wringing our hands and worrying about...about each and every aspect of these proposals, it will talk about how we can positively address problems and try to find solutions that are innovative to those problems. So I very much think that this is a good