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who came to the hearing and he is on the foundation board and he couldn't...he could not speak highly enough of this Volunteer Commission or the work that he does, and he...he was a terrific advocate for the commission. Lest anybody thinks that I am just a raving lunatic and want to expand government exponentially out into the future, I want you to know that I've got a bill that's going to be introduced in Government Committee this week, and Senator Crosby and I have signed on to that bill together, that would take a look at all the boards and commissions. I think we need to do that periodically and I think that we need to make certain that boards and commissions are fulfilling the role that they were established to fulfill. I do not think that means that you never ever establish another commission or another entity. I think that there are times that that would be an appropriate thing to do. I would also like to mention that the commission, to the best of my knowledge, has not increased staff at all in the five years that it's been in existence; does not plan to increase staff. What they plan to do, to be simply the administrative mechanism by which volunteers recruit other volunteers, and I...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...think...I am sorry that I don't have the figures in hand, but there have been national studies that I've documented the decline in volunteerism in this country with the growth of two-income families and the kind of hectic lifestyle that we live today. So I think that anything we can do to increase the volunteerism in our state will be nothing but a plus for our state and...and will be money very well spent. So I would encourage you not to get swayed by the arguments that we don't need any more boards and commissions. This commission is already in existence and it is a very useful one, and I think a very proper one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. As I understand it, the problem leading to this particular solution is a fiscal one. And I'll give oppor...Senator Schimek an opportunity to correct me, if I'm