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to be willing to spend. Now, obviously, we are talking about a small portion of the budget, but when you are looking at those kinds of increases, it is...it's...it's going to have an impact even...even if it is a small amount of money for an agency if their growth rate is that high. And...but it's more of an accountability issue as far as I'm concerned and I think that we, as a whole, need to look at how we best fund state government and hold it accountable. And I think that we're going to need to look at the structure of a number of these, not necessarily to...at the elimination or whether they're doing their job, because they're very possibly doing their job, but whether the structure of them as noncode agencies really facilitates accountability in state government as well as it should. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. At this time, we will leave LB 298. Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. President, if I could just have a moment with you at the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I...I appreciate your patience. At this point in time, we're going to make a slight change in the agenda before we go to the State of the State Address. There is a motion on the table, on the desk, to suspend the rules to cancel a hearing. I think we'll do that right now. That was not on the agenda, but it's one that we need to get to today and we can do it quickly at this point in time. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. The motion is to suspend the rules to allow us to cancel a hearing on LB 541. The people will not be available for that hearing and so we just ask that the hearing be cancelled. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. There being no discussion, the motion before us is to suspend the rules on a public hearing. Requires 30 votes. Those in favor vote aye;