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objectives that are contained in 298 can be achieved either without any other action being taken other than a member of the Legislature asking a question and getting a response, or through our own rules, which have an immensely more flexibility available to change with the times than putting this interest in statute. And I would close with that and ask that the members of the Legislature make their own determination as to the need for either Section 3 or, in a greater...in the greater picture, for 298. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Schimek.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to first thank Senator Coordsen for letting me know in advance that he was going to offer this amendment, and I would like to respond to some of the questions he's raised. First of all, let me take you back just a minute and tell you again why this bill was introduced in the first place. It was introduced because there didn't seem to be a process in place for reviewing boards and commissions. We looked at a number of options, including establishing a new board or commission that would have oversight, as is true in other states. In other states, some also carry program evaluation into...to the extent that they...they actually do a program evaluation on each of these boards and commissions. We didn't think that was necessary, my staff and I, when I say "we", that we didn't think that was necessary, and so we thought it might be, the next logical idea would be to have a committee have this responsibility. Now, there are really three steps in the bill as it is now constituted. Step one is doing the report, which Senator Coordsen indicated he might want to talk about later, and we can talk about that, but the report requires certain information from each of the agencies. The second step is having the Government Committee look at the reports every two years, decide whether they want to do anything further with the reports or not, make any recommendations back to the body. Or the third step then would be that they could ask Program Evaluation to look more closely and more deeply into that particular board or commission. The Program Evaluation Committee, and I think...I'm not sure, but maybe that's in statute too, Senator Coordsen. I'm not...I'm not certain but I think maybe that's another committee that is in statute, so we may not do it a lot, but we