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my time to respond, if you wish.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The...one of the reasons for the commission to bring it to our attention was the fact that there is hardly ever anyone checks on the financial part of these statements with these divisions and departments. And there is actually no loss of meaningful information to the press or the public. I would...I would think that if this was a big concern of the press, they would've been in there in full force demanding the accountability of these people on these boards. I forget exactly how many boards there are, but there are a lot of them, and this isn't...this certainly isn't all of them. So with that, I would like to give what little time I have left here to Senator Schimek, if she'd like to shed a little light on this subject. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Thank you, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think he was yielding his time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. A couple of things I guess I would like to mention. First of all, when the Accountability Commission came in, they told us that there were 3,733 individuals who will be required to file in 1999. This bill will affect 6.5 percent of that number, or 242 persons. And the persons that we're talking about are persons who are serving on examining boards, so they're probably already on there by virtue of their profession. We already know they're optometrists or whatever their profession is. The only thing that we would be gleaning here are probably their other financial interests. And it is my understanding that this has been something that examining boards have been complaining about for a long time, so I don't know that I would say that it's entirely the Accountability Commission, which is making this request. I think that they see the amount of paperwork