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And I'm sure that's all necessary, and there are, in fact Senator Beutler acknowledged the fact that there is a small number of these commissions that we are talking about; 200 out of 3,500, the people anyway that would be affected. I just don't...I just don't think that there is any harm in this. If there is, if we notice something is happening, we can always come back and change it again. I don't think we will. I think it was kind of frivolous to have this in place in the the first place. So with that, if I have any time left, I'd like to give the rest to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, you have two minutes and...you have two minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I wasn't going to speak on this bill again but I feel it necessary to make a few more points, and one of those points is that we constantly hear that we should be looking at ways to make government more efficient, that we should be making...that we should be downsizing government, if you will. And here we have a proposal that comes from the commission that actually deals with these reports on a day-to-day basis, and they're saying to us that nobody is looking at them. They're really, for the amount of paperwork that goes into them, they're really probably not providing that much benefit to the operation of our state. Another point that I would like to make...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...this morning is that if we're going to do...if we're going to amend this bill someday, and I can't support this amendment, Senator Beutler, then let's...let's look at leaving in some of these boards and commissions and make them nonreporting. For instance, there's a difference here. There are boards and commissions which are really under the jurisdiction of the agency, which we...they have oversight over those boards and commissions, so it may not be necessary for us to continue to leave them in. If they are independent boards and commissions, perhaps that would be the boards and commissions that you really want to get to. That is just a suggestion, but I couldn't...I couldn't support your amendment as it is. The other thing that I would like to point out is