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ancient Rome, it's true today. We don't have anyone to watch. But we will increase the employment of the state of Nebraska by at least three point whatever it is, call it four, it will be more than that. We will spend \$147,000 to begin with it, it will be more than that. And we won't even have any overview on that. This commission, according to Senator Schimek, also deals with the formation of policy, which I thought was our affair. I urge you to think about this in voting for this bill in this regard. I'm sure that I...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...incidentally, I hate always following Senator Chambers, because he's better at this than I am, so I want to give you...I want to give you...I want you to give me a few handicap points, and then Senator Chambers has his lights on, he'll discuss it again. But in the mean time, think about this from the standpoint of practical application and practical outcome. And if you do that, I am convinced you'll vote against this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Stuhr, please.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I, too, have been listening very intently this morning to the discussion. I am one of the cosigners of the bill but have to admit that at the time I did that, I was not aware that it was creating a new commission, even though I do have some questions that I would like to address to Senator Schimek, if she would answer those at this time. We keep talking about not actually establishing a new commission, and yet on page 5 it does say that we are going to be hiring a director of this initiative. Is that true? And an assistant director, and a secretary?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct, Senator. And I'm glad you're asking this question because I do want to clarify what we're actually doing here.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay.