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was set a number of years ago and has been increasingly enunciated further, is that the Health...is the Department of Health and Human Services will look after exactly the things that Senator Schimek now wants to set up a large commission to do. I would offer to each member of this body that there are people in Health and Human Services watching this debate as we go on. I think they're very aware of it. I think the Director of Health and Human Services is very aware of it, and I think the people that he directs are very aware of it. I think that after this body ceases to meet in this session we will have a Director of Policy who is very aware of it, and I would like to have someone explain to me why we should pay for the same thing again and again and again without altering the already enunciated policy. I earlier read, and then later Senator Jensen passed out to you, a list of things, a partial list of things I would emphasize, that the Department of Health and Human Services is doing now and has been doing. How much more gilding of the lily do we need? A hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars a year forever will buy a lot of gold leaf, but it doesn't make the lily any more beautiful than it is now. To direct the efforts of a department, I think that we don't need...I think the expression is "pile Pilla (phonetic) upon Ossa," which is one mountain on the other. I think that what Senator Schimek is attempting to do with this bill...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...has already been done, and I don't think that we should be spending more money for the same object going forward in the future. I think that it is sufficient that this body has made known if no...if at no other time, right now, this morning, 11:16 on the sixth of April. Health and Human Services knows what they're supposed to do, they're paying attention to the problems, they have been paying attention to the problems and will continue to pay attention to the problems. How much more do we want? I think the purpose of this bill may be fine but the execution is poor, and I urge you to vote against this bill for those reasons. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Tysor. (Visitors introduced.) An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.