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would better reflect what Nebraska should do. What the study did, they felt, did not meet that criteria, and therefore many have called it a severely flawed study, but have not questioned the work of the university or Dr. Lamphear. But I think, with the number of task force members who questioned the validity of the study, it is very important, beings that hinges on what we do in the state, to make sure that we have the best information available before we begin to structure a plan. Therefore, I think that's an important part of the Kristensen amendment, and I feel extremely important, no matter where we come in the end on putting one piece together, that we make sure that a new study is done and, unfortunately, I think that will be at an additional cost. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on the Kristensen amendment to AM1775 of LB 637? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, if I may, let me explore with you a little bit the intent of a couple provisions of this amendment so my...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...so we might understand what the expectation would be.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I always feel uneasy when there is so little direction given to an agency in terms of what they're setting up. And if we're switching over eventually to a confirmation process, that means they're going to appoint somebody and, with very little detail in the law here, presumably begin the process of complying with federal law.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I would...I would refine...I mean, our discussion was I think that they're not going to be able to put somebody in place without our confirmation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, remind me then of our confirmation process. As I understood it, what usually happens,