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and if this bill passes that is what that will do. We also tell the executive of the state that we want economy in government. We go back home and tell people we're doing everything we can to give you just the right amount, not too much. We don't want to add people because people are a continual expense. We want to keep your taxes down. And then we come back here and say, well, we're going to add there, one doesn't...what's one? Well, it's one more. It's probably 60 or 70 thousand dollars a year when you...I don't know what they would pay this person but you have to fully load that salary, start off with 7.65 percent of FICA, then you got SUCI, SUCI. You've got insurance costs. You've got all the pension costs. It can very, very easily be that number or more. This says he doesn't have to. If he can get the job done with what he's got, he doesn't have to go out and load up the personnel rolls with one more FTE. That is what Senator Schimek is asking for--hire somebody. It's not necessary. This merely changes the mandate or the mandatory status of "shall" to the permissive status of "may", and that's all it does. And, while I hate to contradict my colleague, Senator Schimek, how this is far-reaching is beyond me, however, neither here nor there. I would also point out in the handout that you have here which Senator Schimek hasn't had a chance to read yet, it tells you here that on July 27, 1998, they've already started doing a good portion of what Senator Schimek wants done, and it obviates, again, the entire bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Tyson is again so far off the mark it's baffling to me sometimes what comes out of his mind and out of his mouth. The...the "may"...the "shall" to "may" obviates the bill, not just what he has suggested. The...the sheet of paper that we got from the department telling what the data that the Health and Human Services is massing the data on, but what do they do with it afterwards? What happens to the data after they collect it? The reason for this bill is to have a coordination and look at an efficient way of using the tax money that we are given in the state. Is that not what we're supposed to be doing in this state? As legislators, we are to look at the efficient