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performance of...it performs very critical important duties that help other law enforcement agencies. It is our chief investigative center for law enforcement in the state. It needs to be strong and it needs to be able to execute all the missions that it is required to do. So as a result, you have a bill before you which will over the next several months give the opportunity to both the State Patrol and local law enforcement to sit down together, facilitated by a neutral body out of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, who can bring to the table experts in the fields related to law enforcement. Many people from the Department of Criminal Justice do national level consultations on these manpower and organization issues already. They do a lot of work with law enforcement agencies in the state. In addition, the Department of Public Administration works extensively with budget and finance issues, with organization issues, and I think they can bring to our state agency, the State Patrol, collaboratively with the local law enforcement agencies, a way that they can look at all these issues, see if there are things we're doing that we shouldn't be doing, see if there are greater efficiencies, if there are cooperative things between state and local that can be done more efficiently, and come back to us and the Governor with a reasonable proposal for what we should take a look at in terms of the list of duties of the Patrol, and what their manpower needs are. So I offer this. I am going to have an amendment coming up. It's technical in nature and I'll be back on the mike to talk about some other aspects of the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have Judiciary Committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, as the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Obviously, the Judiciary Committee overwhelmingly, with only one dissenting vote and seven in the affirmative, advanced the bill to you and offers the amendments which you have before you. I would tell you that it was our preference and recommendation to remove the gubernatorial appointment provision of the original bill and to give great