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on the Stuhr amendment to LB 480.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. This...this amendment concerns me in that this is the very commission that is going to be raising the money so that the state will keep its involvement with this at a minimum. Would Senator Stuhr yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, for a question?

SENATOR SUTTLE: Is the reason that you are going to do away with this council your antipathy towards councils in general or...I just didn't understand your reasoning behind this.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, I think it is the philosophy that sometimes...we have been reviewing the number of councils, the number of boards, the number of commissions that we have in the state. This will give us an opportunity to review and see whether we want to continue this. Maybe they have completed their work. Everything might be in process, organized to the fact that we have the executive director who would be overseeing, that maybe we'll, by that time, we'll want to cut down the number of people on the council. It would just give an opportunity to review it and look at it again.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. I still don't feel comfortable cutting off an avenue where we can raise private money. I don't understand why we would get rid of a council, and the more you have on that council the more people who are out there trying to get money for the implementation of this and to help out the Health and Human Services System cope with this. I can't, even though Senator Schimek says that it's okay with her, I'm sorry, I can't support this amendment at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Chambers, on the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm in accord with Senator Suttle's position. Here's what I might support Senator Stuhr in doing--draft a sunset clause to every commission that we have and let us review them all. But I