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having been involved...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Um-hum.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and doing...spending a lot of time and really feeling like what we were doing was good work, but I've become convinced that you can do as much good work as you want and if you don't have the right people at the table it's not going to get you where you need to go. And so I had been advocates for both of these...these coordinating councils and then had changed that position. And so, yeah, I do think that we are going to need, in government, to look at ways to streamline our...our advisory committees and...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And...and I appreciate that,...

SENATOR BROWN: ...this is the first step.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...Senator, and I did know that you had been involved with those. I guess it was my misinformation. I thought that Health and Human Services had actually initiated that...this and that you had been interested in and supportive. But I guess the reason I asked the question is because I was told last summer that the department was going to make this kind of review of some of the even nonstatutory boards and commissions and I think I would like to encourage not only Health and Human Services to do that but other departments and agencies as well. And so I just wanted to make that point for the record and say, you know, we're taking baby steps here. I...there was an editorial in the Omaha World-Herald the other day about this bill and it was a...it was a nice editorial but it was a little bit tongue-in-cheek too because they were talking about the fact that we weren't making any real significant huge changes this year. But I think we're started down the path of doing it and this is just one more step in that...and some of this could be voluntary on the parts of the agencies and departments. So I'm supportive of your amendment and I hope that people will adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Janssen, members of the