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supporting Senator Hilgert's amendment, even at the risk of bringing this bill down? I'm not interested in blaming anybody on the floor today for anything, but this system that is set up by Senator Hilgert's amendment does lead me to ask a question or two but I don't see him here. Oh, Senator Hilgert, what exactly is being set up by this amendment of yours? Is it a committee, a task force, or just what?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: What this is, is roughly...what this is, is the implementation of the Workforce Investment Act, which is a federal, which is a federal program which is going to replace, in July I believe, JTPA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does this group have the power to make any policy decisions?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this group a legislative group or an executive department group?

SENATOR HILGERT: It is a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they carry out provisions of the federal law or the state law or anything when they'd be making these decisions?

SENATOR HILGERT: They would be carrying out the state law as it's...they'd be carrying out state law, but the state law is based in federal law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that would make it an executive entity, wouldn't it? It's not legislative, is it? It is not legislative. It is not going to enact laws, is that true?

SENATOR HILGERT: It's true, it is not going to legislate any Nebraska statute whatsoever, but there is important policy considerations for those in need through job training, et cetera, that will be impacted.