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are voting on Select File on a bill that intends to tear out a portion of the state government and render it independent, but no bill of particulars against the Rehabilitation Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired have come forward. It's a nice idea; they would like their independence. I'd like my independence of all sorts of things, but I ain't going to get it. I would suggest to you that taking it away from Health and Human Services solves nothing. No problems have been brought to the attention of this body. They just want to be different. At the same time, I would reinforce Senator Wickersham's remarks, they're going to be doing without the services of the government and the long list of things that now compromise the...comprise the soft money portion of their federal matching funds. And here again this, I believe, is bad business, bad business to no effect whatsoever. They're tearing it out of Health and Human Services, but no bill of particulars against Health and Human Services. Why do they want it? Because, just because. I urge you to think about this and think, do we want to put them out where they are not going to be subject to the aid, assistance and scrutiny of Health and Human Services? I think not. And I would urge you not to support this bill further. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Mr. President, members, I'm just trying to understand the mechanics a little bit here of this. If I could ask Senator Wickersham a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, the memo that you referred to, let me read to you the first sentence or so. It says, approximately \$150,000 in soft match or General Funds is needed to capture the federal funds currently being secured under HHS, HHS System for the Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired. My question is, somehow I interpret that to mean that with this change \$150,000 has to be raised in a different manner than it currently is, or federal funds will be lost. Is that what your interpretation of that is?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.