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effect, if they can expend money on attorneys, or they've listed out several things in the memo, the matching funds will be there, they will not lose this money. I don't understand, we've spent money on numerous other things, I don't understand why we're concerned about changing this so that it provides more direct accountability. It allows the very folks who use this commission direct access. I just don't even understand why we're having a debate on it. I support LB 352 and I urge you to do so as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to ask Senator Crosby a question or two, if I could. As most of you know, I've been supportive of this piece of legislation. But I do, after listening to the debate this morning, I do have a question or two I'd like to clear up with Senator Crosby. Senator Crosby, I...my curiosity, after hearing some of the discussion is, what further benefits, services can be provided by this new agency that's not now being provided by HHS? You talked about some of those things, but I'm just curious about why...give me some more good reasons why I should vote for this bill and what services are not being taken care of now that could be.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The services will be enhanced, and when I use that word "enhanced" I mean that the services that are available now and with new technology coming along, that the new blind commission can...will have more of an opportunity to...it isn't necessary to enlarge services, but to provide them and deliver them in a better fashion. I don't know how I can say it any better. I know that Senator Tyson thinks that they didn't provide any kind of information, but they did. They provided information that shows that across the country, in those states that have the separate agency, that employment goes up, and it's significant employment. And, I guess, for me that is the best and the biggest reason for us to vote for it.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Crosby. One other question before you sit down. You indicated, I think, when you were speaking about this piece of legislation that the offices would