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that if Senator Jones is correct and none of this land is being sold, I'm trying to determine, do you think that's a mechanism they're using so this land doesn't sell or what's the purpose of the starting bid if nobody will bid that much?

SENATOR BAKER: I think that's exactly, hits the nail on the head. It's an arbitrary figure they're throwing out there. They don't want to lose control of the land and property and obviously they have some very high-paying jobs over there and they'd like to hold onto them.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Is it your...then I would assume from what you just said that you're saying that if in fact this land is sold they administrative costs are going to go down proportionately based on the number of people they're not going to need. Are you saying that or do you know?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, that would be just, to me, good judgment on...as a management policy. They've actually increased their staff according to what they told us at the hearing. I believe they said they had two more people as appraisers than actually what's listed on the sheet that I have in my file.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I was just trying to get some of these claim things clear in my mind. I know I'm drifting away from what Senator Kristensen's amendment is, but I think these are important issues that need to be discussed in order to evaluate whether in fact what your bill will in fact do what you want it to do and is it the right thing to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And that's what I'm trying to...answer I'm trying to arrive at. So I thank you for your information, and I'll be watching closely to see how this develops. With that, I'll turn the rest of my time back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Kremer, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I think probably most of my comments will be on the bill rather