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SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Because otherwise you'd have to add personnel, and then there would be a fiscal note. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Beutler. I still want to take the opportunity to go through the details of the 34-page amendment that I'm trying to get a copy of here. But I would certainly urge the body's careful review of this issue, because I think that it adds some unnecessary steps and some unnecessary activities at this point in our budget scenario that would more than likely complicate the whole scenario. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. On with discussion of the amendment offered by Senator Hudkins to the Beutler amendment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President, members, I stand in support of the Hudkins amendment, and would like to take the opportunity to support the Beutler amendment. The bill did come through the Government Committee. We did have a very healthy discussion. And if you will look at the bill statement...the committee statement, there were a number of people who were representing different groups who came in and who were interested in seeing this happen. I guess I've had a special interest in the Capitol Commission for some time. And partly because I had a bill back in 1993, which was LB 311. And that reinvigorated the Capitol Commission, which had been rather dormant for a while. And just a little history on the Capitol...or, the State Building Commission, is how it started out. It started out in 1949. And the commission was responsible for supervising repairs and improvements to the Capitol building. Then, in 1974, the commission was made an advisory commission by LB 1048, and then retooled as the Nebraska Capitol Commission in 1993. So it's really...the commission itself has really been around for quite some time, although dormant for some of those years. It is, in my opinion, a very good bill. And it connects very well with the Hudkins