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SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR SMITH: Now we've basically arrived at the fact that you're basically taking a responsibility away from DAS and putting it with the new position. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: And how many people are we talking?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, it's on the fiscal note. Let me get that for you and I'll give you that information. I don't remember right offhand the number of people involved.

SENATOR SMITH: Now when you look at the responsibilities of the maintenance of the Capitol, I mean it's not just, you know, the custodial inside or landscaping on the outside. There's more to it than that. But are we talking like landscape maintenance on the outside? I mean the... does this new body, or whatever you want to call it, are they responsible for mowing? Do they have to buy their own mowers, or can they pool those with DAS?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, except for security, which we're changing, whatever responsibilities DAS had the new office would have, and if they needed to have intergovernmental agreements with regard to any of the functions in order to keep costs down, I would hope that they would do that. And they may well continue to use DAS personnel for different things, I would hope.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Is there currently an obstacle in place that would prevent...you mentioned the solicitation of funds and endowment and so forth. Is there anything currently that would prevent that from occurring?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, if the proper attitude and aggressiveness were there, you could do many of these things. But the point of the matter is, over time these things haven't happened, and I think we can do much better and that the uniqueness of the building justifies, very much justifies the focus that this sort