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only one left, moi. I would then be like Louis XIV, known as the the Great or the Sun King--l'etat, c'est moi, I am the State. But that's not going to happen. So these boards are not the types of things that engage any great amount of interest on the part of the public at large. I've listened to some of my colleagues who are not so sure that these boards ought to be abolished. Senator Stuthman has frankly acknowledged, and others have spoken words to that effect, that nobody is harmed by the existence of these boards. I just want to have brought to me an argument as to why we ought to abolish the boards, other than that somebody or some individuals want it abolished. We have more...I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question if she will respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Schimek, to a question of Senator Chambers?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Yes, I'll try.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, how many...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...voluntary boards and commissions are there in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I...right off the top of my head I can't tell you, but I can find out very quickly. You got a big thick book of them, probably a few months ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm guessing maybe 250, 300. I'll find out for sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you think every one of them does something that is affirmatively beneficial in the minds of most of the people?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, if they aren't doing something beneficial, we hope to find that out in our annual survey but,