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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That's all I will ask Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Members of the Legislature, I'm not in favor of creating another layer of government, not to make government itself more efficient, but to serve the whim of private operations, private operations. Senator Stuhr persuaded the Legislature to eliminate a commission that had to do with rural oversight or looking over the shoulder of those who assess property. The Legislature is going to agree to get rid of that commission. So what do you Is this like a teetertotter? When the number of commissions goes down, thanks to Senator Stuhr's labors, it goes back up thanks to Senator Connealy and his minions. But here is the difference. No money or anything of benefit from the state went to that commission that Senator Stuhr has persuaded the Legislature to abolish. This so-called charitable activity is going to commence, based on a charitable contribution from the state. You've got to give them money to start a commission, which is going to cost money, to persuade people to give money that would go to the state but instead go to them. I'm not an economist. There is a very unflattering comment made about economists. If you stretched all of the economists in the world end to end, they could not reach a conclusion. Then I would add, if they reached a conclusion, it would be wrong. This bill does not constitute good policy. I can see once again that I'm going to have to be the garbageman and try to turn the Legislature off the path of doing something that is unwise. People who are interested in these moneymaking propositions for themselves and their agendas know how to attach words and notions to them which will make it difficult for legislators to speak against them. None of that works on me. We need to be far more critical of what we're being presented with. bill does not pass, the state is not harmed in any way, and we're here to help the state, not certain segments of the society, unless it is a segment which is being treated unfairly,