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give it to an endowment so it can be used for worthwhile, uplifting things. And you would think that they're operating in accord with what have been called the better angels of their nature, or the angels of their higher nature; that we have nobility on parade. So you would ask yourself, why then do we need legislation to do that? If this is a compassionate, generous, noble bestowing of excess material wealth or goods or things of value for purposes that are worthy, cannot that be done without legislation? And the answer is yes. Were not people advised in accord with the one who established the religion according to which Senator Connealy patterns his life. to the extent that a sin-cursed individual can? Told people to be generous. He told some to sell everything they had and give to the poor, and they told him, I don't know where you came from. So this bill is flying a false flag. If it were a ship on the high seas in the old days, the flag would be known as the Jolly Roger--skull and crossbones. This is not a selfless, altruistic piece of legislation. It is a different type of investment and it's based on the notion of obtaining tax credits against one's income tax liability. Let them go ahead and do that, if they can, but I don't think the state should involve itself in diminishing the amount of tax revenue which may be These endowments are not a part of the state, so the needed. money that is derived from these tax credits by the generous, I'll put that in quotes, charitable contributor is not going to wind up in the hands of the state. It's going to wind up in the pocket of the generous contributor, and the amount of revenue the state would have is going to be diminished apace. This is a bill that reduces revenue for the state, so why in the world should a commission be established and given quarters in the Department of Revenue when the purpose is to diminish state revenue? Why, that is the most cockamamie thing that I have seen in a long time. So what my amendment would do, this one, is to strike lines 18 through 23, and this is what those lines say: "For administrative purposes the commission shall be located in the Department of Revenue. The department shall provide administrative support to the commission. Legislature shall appropriate \$250,000 for purposes of this section of which not more than \$12,500 may be used for administrative costs of the department." You are going to create a new commission that costs money, and the money is being