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commission in existence now?

SENATOR BURLING: If we pass this, it will be, or as soon as it's appointed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right now. Right now.

SENATOR BURLING: No, not now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this bill passes, a commission will come into existence that does not exist now. Is that correct?

SENATOR BURLING: Um-hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It will increase the size of government. Is that correct?

SENATOR BURLING: Well, not in my estimation. But if it does in yours, that's all right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then, it...you envision it as a private commission? Is that correct?

SENATOR BURLING: No. They're a...it's a task force to gather information.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why is it so hard for you to forthrightly state what your bill does, which you know what it does, and everybody else does? And the more you temporize and tap dance around it, the worse it looks. It seems like you've got something to hide. Senator Burling, what do you have to hide?

SENATOR BURLING: Nothing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then why won't you give me a forthright answer? This is a spending bill. You agree with that.

SENATOR BURLING: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The taxpayers are the ones who will provide the money that will be spent.