

cost per square foot at the State Office Building is around \$6.00 a square foot, substantially less than the figures that you quoted.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay, thank you, Senator Brown. Again, the amendment would reduce the appropriation \$19,700 for the first year of the biennium and this is based on 2,000 square foot. It would reduce the second year by \$138,500 and I would ask the body to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Jensen, I just have one quick question and I was on the telephone so if you answered this, I apologize.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CROSBY: Is the Public Service Commission able right now to say we aren't going to pay for that 2,000 square feet? Are they in some kind of lease arrangement where they have to pay for it, huh?

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, yeah, I'm sure that there is a lease arrangement. You don't have space without a lease.

SENATOR CROSBY: Two thousand square feet sounds like a huge amount of space. It's the size of a small house. There's a lot of homes that are about from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet. I know because mine is about 1,800.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: So I was trying to put it into perspective in my mind, Jim, as to how much space that is. When we say 2,000 square feet that maybe sounds like an awful lot. It is if it's not being used. But you think that I'm right that they can't just stop paying.

SENATOR JENSEN: No, they cannot...

SENATOR CROSBY: So if we took this money away they'd have to figure out how to use other money to pay for it?

SENATOR JENSEN: I would think that they would certainly turn