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I think that is the one point. The second point that I would like to make Senator Mahoney is that one of the weakness' of the department of administrative services from the beginning and I'm not talking about now, but from the beginning, but also up and too and including now, since this life, does this bill indicate as a use oriented agency. It is, it owes its existence only to service to agency, to the Legislature to the Executive Branch. One of the weakness' in the past has been that users have not been consulted before changes have been made in programs and activities of the department of administrative services. It appears to me that these independently elected officials will do two things. They will provide balance to a commission and secondly they will provide representation on that commission of the users who will use the service. Both of these in my opinion are highly important.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I would like to continue the questions. Senator Marvel, as you and I both know and we were in the legislature the change of our particular laws and statutes to create the department of administrative services and if my memory recollects we have had two. We had Robert McMannis who served under the Tieman administration and then we had Gus Lietsky who is presently the director and I am sure that as we can both recollect it was on your findings

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that brought about the change in statutes and created the department of administrative services, am I not right at this point?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir you are right. I don't take complete credit for it but I was the chief introducer of the bill that set it up and was on the original committee headed by Senator Otto Lebbbers of Lincoln and also Senator Gerdes, and I was a member of the Governmental Operations Committee back in about 1959 that studied this.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Wasn't it true also Senator Marvel that the Department of Administrative Services had problems back in the McManis era when he was department of administrative services?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well I think Senator Mahoney there were there have been four directors. Since the beginning and all of the directors have had problems of one kind or another.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Would you think Senator Marvel that it would be better to have a commission that would have people that would serve on that commission that would be directly involved in the area of accounting, be in the area of certified public accountants and people with expertise that would be better to have a board of this type than to have elected officials as part of the board.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think that you have a point. And I'll grant you the point while I still support the contention of the original commission that is set up. I go back to what I said. I think that it is fine to have advisee's to come in from accounting, who come from data processing and so on, but I go back to the original premise that I think that we