

Mn Gerdes to go ahead and to employ 18 experts at salaries that are desirable to get the experts to sit down in the departments to see what they are going to do. That has always been our weakness....I've sat in this body for 15 years and I can't think of a single time where I ever voted for an appropriation bill of which I had any knowledge of the need of it. That is a horrible confession but it is true in so far as I am concerned. I think if it is true of me it is true of most people of this body. I think it is true of the budget committee, so we are trying to beef this thing up and we are going to spend a lot of money. But the thing we don't understand, is that how much is this going to cost us because we don't know what we are doing most of the time in expending the money. So that is what we are doing, so in order to beef up our operation to give us knowledge, we may not follow it. The budget committee may not accept it, only time can tell that. So we set this is our operation. Now in the bill here the Governor in the state of Nebraska has his own staff. I think that this body ought to give him whatever money is necessary in the form of appropriations for him to continue his staff to be on the same footing as that we are in the intelligence that we show from time to time in the appropriation of people's money. But in the middle this bill does what? You can call it anything you want to but first it is going to see that the intent which it is known but sometimes not, the intent of the expenditure of this money is spent as the law says it should be spend. They will get into every area of the department of government including the Governor's responsibility, including the board of regents and everybody else and I presume that that is what he is concerned about. Who should say that anybody or any operation of this state should not be subjected to the control to see how they spend the money that we appropriated. So we are going to have some duplication. We ought to have, let the Governor have the staff as he thinks he needs in order to advise him because after all as we have found out from the Attorney General he has powers and rights which are very difficult sometimes to go around even if you wanted to do it. So this is...I think that this is a fine bill and I think it resolves itself into one question. And only one question. How is the commission going to be appointed? As far as I am personally concerned I don't think that it makes any difference, that is only time will tell. But if you have enough votes to a pass it as it now is, then exercise your judgment. If you don't feel that you can get enough votes to over ride the Governor's veto, then I think you ought to take a second look at it. Now these people that the Governor might recommend, I don't know who they are and I don't care who they are but they would be subject to our confirmation, the same as a comptroller would be subject to our confirmation. If we allow him to appoint people in our judgment who are inadequate and in our judgment...and not as they should be then it automatically becomes our fault. If I had one criticism in this body, it would be that we don't leave any consideration to the point necessary in order to determine the qualification of a many of the people that he appoints in areas of great public responsibility. I would hope that you would look at this thing realistic and I know that most of the members of the budget committee don't want to change their recommendations as far as the commission is concerned, and I have not fault to find with that. I only say to them like I have said to them if you have a enough votes to over-ride it if he vetoes it, you should use your own judgment. If you don't have this is a time to compromise if that is the position and I don't know if it is or not, because this