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Revision Commission a few years ago considered the auditor's job, they recommended to this Legislature that the Legislature appoint the auditor feeling that the Legislature represented the people and I concurred in that. I feel that was a good idea because sometimes you can get an auditor that is not qualified. Because of people don't know his qualifications. Now, if we had an auditor appointed by the Legislature, then you see in turn the Legislature could give certain requests to the auditor to do what we wanted him to do. Under this situation though, the auditor would merely do what he wanted to do, I presume. Because he is a constitutional officer and is not under the direction of the Legislature and since most of the states in the U. S. actually do have this person, performance auditor, appointed by the Legislature, I feel that probably what the Governor has recommended here to us or at least implied that we should take it under advisement very seriously.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I could understand what the Governor is speaking about here. However, I have felt for a long time we need a post audit. Now, there's two schools of thought on a post audit. We could sit up an auditing department of the Legislature for post auditing. I think it would be much more expensive than the way we have chosen to go from our Appropriations Committee to give this to the auditor. Now, if we find in a year or two years that this does not work and we still have the prerogative of bringing this back and putting it in the Legislature, setting our own post auditing up. But I think it's highly important that we as a Legislature who are responsible for raising the money and appropriating the money know where this money is going and is it going for what we intended it to go for in the first place. To me that's what the post audit is going to do. Now, if it doesn't work, I think we have plenty of time later to do it. It isn't something that's irretractible.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Murphy and then Senator Duis.

SENATOR MURPHY: The specific recommendation, I believe, had to do with the possibility that this Legislature might want to keep the post audit function which would concern itself in that terminology would be terminating the things we are passing into law, the things we are requesting are actually happening. And, the suggestion was that it might very well be a part of our fiscal, our legislative fiscal staff inasmuch as these people are making determinations of the money spent and the necessity for so doing. I think the point was well taken on the part of the Governor that we may be giving away to an elective office that might work as we found in last year's session in our dealings with the Department of Administrative Services that we could be giving away something that we can't retrieve. I think we should very seriously consider putting this post audit performance not just of facts and money but of performance by the departments in with our fiscal staff.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Oh, Mr. President, I would be in hopes that I knew what I was doing when I was voting on this measure. And, of course, I too believe in post audit and I'm also of the belief that if this does not work, we would certainly be back here next year and we can correct the situation rather than not having tried it at all. Now, I don't know about the veto. The matter of the veto last year was very abrupt. And, of course, I don't know whether the Governor had vetoed this bill or not but I do sincerely believe we ought to give it a try for the period of one year and see how it works out because we'll be back here next January and if this didn't work, we can change it to something else but we are certainly entitled to having a try at this to find out whether or not the post audit is what we think it should be or not.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members. I would like to know what is the status now of the auditors. Is he required to audit all these accounts and are we giving him the permission not