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individuals that those functions can be performed better in another manner if they need to be performed at all. I think that I would probably be called out of order if I went into the discussion as to why we do not need the office at this time, but I want to say that if you waste time adopting the technical amendments, then you're going to have to waste additional time talking about the Committee amendments, and the Committee amendments do only two things. They change the Office of Planning and Programming to the Office of Policy and Research Council in an attempt to be able to tell the people back home that yes, we wiped out an office, and we actually didn't do it, and secondly, it puts in the two words, or her, in a few places, instead of just leaving it in the male vernacular. Those are the two major changes of this amendment, and I think it's a ridiculous...it's a very ridiculous attempt to try to perpetuate an agency which has long since fulfilled its usefulness. We talked a great deal about curtailing the cost of government. We talk about putting lids on the cost of existing forms of government. We talk about the rapidly spiraling cost of government, and then we turn right around and we perpetuate an office which has not, in the opinion of this individual, ever justified its existence, and if and when the time comes that we talk on the bill or on the amendment itself, I will point out to you the twenty-one functions that are supposedly performed by the office, not one of which amount to a tinker's damn as far as I'm concerned, and not one of which will stop the...or impede the growth of Nebraska if they're never performed. So it's an excellent example of bureaucracy at its worst and I would hope that the Legislature this afternoon will expeditiously refuse to adopt the Duis amendment to the Committee amendments, then refuse to adopt the Committee amendments, and advance the bill in its original form as advanced by the Government Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The...Senator Haberman. Senator Simon, do you wish to speak to the Duis amendment?

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to echo many of the comments that Senator Schmit made, and I guess I'm a little confused. I served on that Committee. As a matter of fact, I made the motion. The motion was to abolish the state Office of Programming and Planning, and yet I look at what the bill is before you, and all that they have done as Senator Schmit has said is change the name and make a couple of minor changes. Now I guess, Senator Keyes, that the Committee is not obligated. Yes, you're the Chairman, so you take the brunt of