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LB 500

here, the Lord have mercy upon us, you would support me in doing away with the Office of Equal Opportunity including that \$600?

SENATOR KEYES: \$600,000?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, \$600,000.

SENATOR KEYES: If there...if...if we have cut down, if this office has cut down on their need, certainly we might be able to get by with \$200,000.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But yet, Senator Keyes, you said this new office is going to cut down. You made a positive statement. I'm just trying to get a little support.

SENATOR KEYES: I said this new office should cut down. You must remember that I choose my words very clearly, and I said should cut down, and I think you can pull the tape and find that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a good afternoon if you have a bill you want to slide across the board and it costs a few bucks. You know, we allowed 412 to slide by and it cost \$400,000, and only God knows how much it will cost in the future, and I guess that's the way it goes. You get tired after a while of fighting all of these. LB 500 is a bill, which I suppose no one is against it. It says in the bill book at the Committee hearing no one testified against it. That means it's a good bill and it ought to slide right through. I just want to say what I said earlier. I think that Governor Thone, by his positive statement on behalf of Affirmative Action, has already done more for Affirmative Action in this state than the passage of this bill will do. Now if you want to pass the bill and hire a secretary and another little girl, or someone else, to run around and give speeches, you can hire...you can do that. That's all it's going to do. It's going to spend a few thousand bucks this year, but like Topsy it's going to grow, and it's going to grow, and it's going to grow. You can go back home and tell your folks, by golly, I'm against spending. I voted against this and I voted against that. I took a few bucks out of this program and a few bucks out of that program, but the way things start is the