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don't mind it going to some of the interpreters but I hate to see us pay an administrator \$25 or \$30,000 a year to implement this program. How did you arrive at the \$210,000? Could we get by with, say \$100,000 budget the first year.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I have the director down here, Senator Hefner, as \$17,000; the interpreters at \$10,500; a receptionist and secretary at \$7,000; bookkeeper, office manager \$10,000 and then we go into the benefits like Workmen's Comp. We took all that into consideration, health insurance, unemployment insurance, Social Security, the office space, the furniture and files, remember we have nothing to start with, office supplies, equipment. that is your adding machine, the telephone. We have got it all broken down, typewriters, the printing at \$2,000, postage at \$900 and conference expenses and miscellaneous fees, \$300, so I don't think we are overly... and I have to go into the interpreting services. That is where it is going to cost a lot of money. It is \$7.00 per hour and we estimate at least \$10,830 and that is going to cost \$67,810. Information and referral at \$3.50 per contact. Employment consultation, information dissemination to all the members and as I said, there is a hundred thousand hearing impaired people in Nebraska and fourteen thousand totally deaf.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, Senator Labeledz, I was wondering. We have an association for the deaf people, a state association?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No, we do not. It is AID.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I was wondering if we could get some of those people to help us with this and maybe we could use some volunteers for this service.

SENATOR LABEDZ: It is the AID organization that is asking for this commission because right now they are operating under CETA funds but those will be discontinued as in the fall. September or October they will be not be having any more CETA funds but with the commission we can apply for Title 20 and the other Voc Rehab and others that I mentioned before but AID would not be able to operate unless they operated through donations and incidentally, the commission will be able to and this bill will authorize them to take donations and I am sure there will be that much more money coming in.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, then if we could use the donations