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why then we could cut this appropriation bill down some. Is that right?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I am sure that we can do it next year but this starting up would have to have at least \$210,000. I am sure that starting next year we can cut that down considerably because we will be getting federal money and donations. There are many, many people that are very concerned about the deaf community or the hearing impaired and I am sure we will be able to get several donations and the federal funding through grants.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Labeledz. You feel then that if we cut this appropriation bill down, say \$50,000, that we would be jeopardizing the commission?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I think the most important thing to the people is the commission itself. If this state or the members of this Legislature decide that they would want to cut it down \$50,000, I am sure we would have to go along with that because most important to them is the commission itself...

SENATOR HEFNER: Just to get it started.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...but without the appropriate funds this first year they would not be very effective.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. I still think that \$210,000 is excessive and I may offer an amendment to lower that at a later date.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker and fellow Senators, we have before us one of the bills that needs to be passed. It is an A bill to finance a committee. We are going to have this bill come over to Final Reading and if you will look up there you will find that there is several bills right now being held on Final Reading. When we get to that point and we know how many million dollars there is left in the kitty, we will weigh the evidence and we will say whether this one needs \$210, whether there might be \$250,000 for it or there might be only \$175,000. We will treat this just exactly as I treat my pocketbook. I will buy the dinner but I have the money to pay for it. We will start the program that we have the money to meet with.