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We started out spending about \$87,000 general fund money. Now we're up to \$400,000. Give them another ten years and they will be up to \$4,000,000, and if anyone thinks that the lid proposal that we have been talking about and the Jarvis proposal and all the rest of them are going to have any impact on government, you just as well go home whistling Dixie because it is not going to have any impact. The bureaucratic forces are there. They are able to coerce, seduce and influence this Legislature like any other group that has always been able to do that and you are going to keep on spending the money, but when you go back home, don't tell the people, yup, we are operating under the sunset provision. The sunset provision is a farce and we are making it now to be a sham and we ought to be embarrassed if we are not ashamed. So I want to call attention to the members that under this provision you are spending the money, you are continuing the organization which has as its principal objective to spread out across the State of Nebraska and become one more uncontrolled political force in this state that will be dedicated to the spending of money for purposes that no one can really determine what they intend to do or what they have accomplished.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to support LB 412 with a couple of explanations. One, if you will look at the way the bill was originally introduced which transferred a number of the activities as proposed by the original bill, you will see the accumulative cost there. While slightly less than what is in LB 412, as it now stands it is not appreciably different and that was the point all along that the abolishment of this particular agency by transferring those functions to other agencies did not result in an appreciable decrease in costs. As I indicated before aside from the fact that it did not appreciably decrease the cost, it had the potential of increasing it because there are certain federal funds which have required match that as the agency is now established allows to use certain general fund monies for matching purposes that may not be able to be done if the same functions were scattered between the four agencies as proposed in the original bill. The A bill will be identical to what is appropriated for the prior office. The duties are substantially... a number of the duties are eliminated but they were not duties that were essentially being performed or had any particular benefit. It was well for those items to be eliminated but I would urge the body to advance LB 412 A bill so that the important function that is being retained will be