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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you want to respond to the Murphy amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This bill in almost its entirety was passed in 1973 as LB 403 and its funding has been in there ever since then. The language that we are trying to change today is only unnecessary language that was left in the bill when it was passed at that time. It has nothing to do with changing the funding or anything else in that line. This council has been set up, it has been functioning and what we are trying to do today is to take out three sections of unnecessary language in the bill. So I don't know what else to argue about. This has been in law since 1943. It has been funded since then. The commission is in operation. It has taken care of the different...there is a whole raft of social services that it takes care of and handicapped, all kinds of health problems, so I certainly would urge you to defeat the Murphy amendment because what you would be doing would be killing the bill that was passed in 1943.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to discuss the Murphy amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask Senator Murphy a couple of questions and then maybe make a statement.

SENATOR MURPHY: Certainly.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Murphy, could you please explain once again what exactly your amendment would do and what language you are referring to?

SENATOR MURPHY: On page 5, Section 4, which is new language, that this bill is adding to the law and I am suggesting that we not add that language. I am not touching any of the other provisions of the bill. I am simply asking to strike new language.

SENATOR WESELY: The main focus of that amendment then would be to deal with the funding question. Is that not correct?

SENATOR MURPHY: That is exactly the proposition. We are starting to fund another agency and like I say, I don't... another commission and I just don't think that that is what the people of this state are looking forward to today.

SENATOR WESELY: You would not object to the responsibilities

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