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think is negative and not helpful and so my feeling is that we ought to continue with the bill as it is written. The responsibilities are important but the resources to carry out those responsibilities are also necessary and I support the bill as written.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we are dealing with the Murphy amendment. Senator Beutler, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just to elaborate on Senator Kahle and Senator Wesely's remarks, I might point out again that this commission has been in existence since 1973. This is not a new commission. Previously the council that ran this commission consisted of a number of individuals from a number of different departments and the resources to run this commission theoretically was also to come from a number of different departments and theoretically I assume that the resources to fund this commission was appropriated to those different departments but then it was discovered that this was a bureaucratic nightmare and nobody wanted to take control of it. Nobody seemed to seize the day on this particular commission. The result was that the commission did nothing for five years. So what we are saying now is fund it directly instead of indirectly through these other agencies. If Senator Murphy wants to get the funding right and wants to maintain the funding at the same level that it's always been, then I would suggest that the correct solution is to allow this appropriation to go through and to subtract from the appropriations of the other agencies who were supposed to be funding us previously. I don't know, I don't have figures. I don't know how much money those other agencies got previously to fund this commission or how much in resources they put into it but I would ask the Legislature not to create an empty commission, not to put on the books a commission that doesn't have the power to do anything again. Otherwise we are right back where we were at the beginning of this session. I introduced a bill at the beginning of the session to abolish this commission because it was doing nothing, so instead we have a bill that says, okay, you will do something. If you take the funding away from it, you will have a commission again that is there but does nothing. So either you should reject the bill in its entirety or fund it or, in the alternative, subtract some funds from the agencies that were funding it previously, and I might remind you that the funding is \$32,000 which is no small amount but also which is not any great amount in terms of what we are talking about every day up here. Thank you.