

year, this particular committee you will recall as it was established by the Exec Board goes out of existence December 31.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Warner. I would like to reiterate what Senator Warner said, that the \$16,000 is for a staff person. It is not to provide in the essence you might read it, but it is for one person. So what we're doing here is we're taking one person and we're going to pay them \$16,000 when we have a state agency that must have a person or persons on board already that can do what we're going to try to do. Now if they don't have somebody on board qualified to do what this staff person is going to try to do, then we should make some changes over to the Department of Economic Development. I think we're getting into a field, we're getting into something that's already being done. Now I am not opposed to economic development. That's not the issue. To me the issue is taking \$16,000 away from the Legislative Council when travel is short, postage is short and we're getting short on funds to do a job that can be done somewhere else. That's the point I'm trying to make.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Therefore, I'm going to repeat, this is not an attack upon Senator Wesely or his abilities or his committee or any members of his committee. I'm just saying that it can be done in the department that we have now and possibly it is being done. I'd have to have proof that it is not being done. Then I would say, why isn't it being done? What are they doing with their \$1,366,000? So I ask this body not to approve this expenditure of these funds. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I appreciate Senator Haberman's concern. I know he is careful about the budget and I understand that, but of us all of us that have been out across the state, what is the one issue that has been expressed time and again by the public that we ought to do something about in this state? It is economic development. We've heard it from gubernatorial candidates, we've heard it from legislative candidates, we have heard it time and again and they're looking for this Legislature to