

commission. The commission then becomes the government of economic development of the state. Is that good or bad, I don't know. The premise for doing it, though, the premise for doing it is this, the economic development has been so screwed up by everybody that has been in that particular office, and I am just spitting it out pretty straight because I think that is behind the scenes what it is all about, but it has been handled so disastrously, so incompetently by whoever was there, that somehow we are frustrated enough to change the system, and the question is whether changing the system to create another minigovernment independent of the Governor, therefore, independent of accountability, is that a good policy, and I don't know. I do know we are very rapidly taking the last vestiges of any control the Governor, whoever he or she is, whoever that Governor of the future has to make any policy or any direction of this state. If I were going to give you an analogy, if I were going to give you an analogy of how government in Nebraska operates, it would be to compare us with the country of Poland. If you go back and look at the historical, the historical picture of Poland over a thousand year period, the weakness and the problem they always got into and why they were always getting defeated was because they had diluted their power to where their top leader was never ever, never ever anything other than a figurehead, and they had so many, many divisions of government, they could never concentrate and go a single direction, and we are doing that a lot in Nebraska. You may remember when Charlie Thone walked in here, and after a pretty good study concluded we had to consolidate, and so he tried to get some control over Games and Parks.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: He tried to get some control over different agencies of government, and you remember what happened. He folded just like J.J. folded before him, just like, quite frankly, Governor Kerrey folded this year in trying to get his program through. There is no gubernatorial power to ever get a direction. Therefore, for all practical purposes, there has never been, at least in the last 20 years, any direction. And so I ask you to consider, and again I am not saying it is good or bad, I ask you to consider whether we are going to complete the process and maintain the Governor as simply a figurehead by such things as taking this last area, economic development, and turning