

*Ross Mitchell, morning host on KOH radio, told a great story to illustrate the absurdity of some government programs:*

The story (adapted very loosely) goes that the State of Nevada had a garbage dump that they needed to protect, so they hired a guard to watch it. The legislature heard of this and asked how the public could be assured that the guard was actually doing his job, so they demanded that a supervisor be hired to keep track of the guard. But now how could they assure the public that the supervisor was doing his job? So they hired an independent firm to monitor the activities at the dump. Being the watchdogs of public funds, they hired an auditor to monitor the costs of the independent firm to make sure they were being charged correctly. Now that the staff had grown, they hired personnel and human resources coordinators to manage the staff. Since the department had grown so large, they had to hire an administrator to manage the entire department. By now the budget had expanded so greatly that they had to hire a lobbyist to assure adequate funding from the legislature. But then came a downturn in the economy and it forced cutbacks in the department, so they laid off the guard.