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Crisis council



Many reasons exist for forming a commission or council in politics, but achieving the stated goals is rarely one of them. The most common reason for doing so is to create a way to kick the can down the road: Responsibility and accountability are distributed among many people, and nothing much gets done. Another frequent reason is to ramrod through a desired outcome, as was the case with the Pačes energy commission on nuclear power and coal-mining limits. A commission that actually wants to resolve a problem from scratch has little chance of coming to an effective conclusion, and such will likely be the fate of the new National Economic Council for addressing the economic crisis. By creating the council, PM Mirek Topolánek clearly wants to be seen to be proactive, but why he would want to head it himself is a mystery. Better to give the thankless job to a rival he wants to cut down to size.