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Mr. President, to have LB 208 removed--withdrawn. We request to lay over a day.

SPEAKER: Is there any further business to come before the Legislature this morning. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, fellow members, I don't want to pick on the Executive Board again but I would like to mention a few things that I think it's probably a red mark against our body here. It concerns--I was getting into the negotiations of the Board of Regents to the University concerning Professor Rogers and my purpose of getting--of bringing this before the floor is that I hope that the news will, and I am sure I'm right on this, that this particular activity the Executive Board would not be supported by this body, I'm quite sure of that. That the University procedures exist to deal with this grievances by the faculty members and if a professor fails he can go to the courts and the Legislative Council was not unanimous on this. It was a five to four decision and that the piece of business should be carried through different channels than through Executive Board. And it just sets an awfully bad precedence with this body to be dabbling into affairs of this type. So I repeat again, I'm sure that this particular activity would not have--or would have very little support on this floor.

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would presume that one of the purposes for investigative procedures in matters of this type is not to involve the Legislature specifically in a particular case, but if we are investigating the fact that there may be unfair dismissal practices in this state which would necessitate a change of legislation, I am sure that is one of the objectives of the legislature's inquiry into this matter and not simply restricted to the dismissal of one individual. And certainly I would support the concept that the Legislature investigate hiring and dismissal procedures and see that we have clear issues to direct and guide the University in their hiring and firing practices.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney and then Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I want to announce that the Committee on Committees will have a public hearing this afternoon on three appointments by the Governor, David Fleeby for State Personnel Board, Herman Brockmeier for State Personnel Board and Edward Rowley for the Board of Parole. This meeting will be at 1:00, at 1:00 this afternoon. I think it is Room #2102.

SPEAKER: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I follow their respond to Senator Nore's query relative to the inquiry that will be made about the Professor from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and let me assure you, Senator Nore, that if there were not good reason in the back of our minds to suspect that there is more to the issue than just the dismissal of one particular professor or the lack of renewal of a contract, we would not be going into it. That's not our purpose to go into each and every dismissal or failure to renew a contract. All we're doing is trying to find out what is going on and it's because of the fact that we suspect that there is more to it than meets the eye. We are not bringing anything before this body at this time and probably will not in the future. I am talking now as the Executive Board. We are merely trying to find out what is going on now. Why, for example, would we even be interested in something like this. If you will read the Constitution, it says that the government of the