

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. Would you repeat that again, I was on the telephone.

CLERK: The agricultural amendment was simply to add the emergency clause.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I move that it be adopted.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the motion? Question is shall the emergency clause be adopted? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. It is so ordered. The emergency clause is added. We're back to Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Members of the Legislature, I move to advance L.B. 337 to enrollment for E&R initial. Like L.B., we haven't discussed L.B. 335 yet, but a decision favorable to the State in the NRD lawsuit may depend upon the adoption of L.B. 337. In L.B. 532 of last year, this Legislature provided that in 1975 appointment to the Nebraska Natural Resource Commission are to be made by the Governor-elect-- not only is such a provision unnecessary but plaintiffs in the NRD lawsuit have contended this is unconstitutional. It is at the very least unusual and should be corrected to provide that the appointments are to be made by the Governor. That's one and the same, the Governor-elect or the Governor and because the Governor-elect who is not in office, is the same individual person, but after he has been sworn into office is when the appointment should be made and not by the Governor-elect because he doesn't have that authority at that time and this is the purpose of L.B. 337. I move it be advanced to E&R initial.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill? Question is, shall L.B. 337 be advanced from general file to E&R initial. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Voting on the advancement of L.B. 337, Senator Burbach's bill as explained, general file. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, 22 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. Ready for the general file consideration of L.B. 216 introduced by the Interim Committee, the Retirement Committee, excuse me.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 216 introduced by Senator Whitney, Chairman of the Retirement Committee, (read). There are committee amendments by Senator Whitney's Retirement Committee.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I move that the committee amendments be accepted. I'll explain it very briefly. It just simply deletes obsolete matter, provided this bill is approved and it sets the effective date of the law which would be 30 days after the effective date of this act. That's all the amendment does.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the amendment. Question is, shall the amendment be adopted as explained by Senator Whitney? All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed say no. It is so ordered, the amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now I move that the, L.B. 216 be advanced to E&R initial. It would transfer the administration of the County Employees' Retirement Systems from the Retirement Board for Nebraska Counties to the State Public Employees' Retirement Board. Presently, the present, the Public Employees' Retirement Board administers 4 major State supported systems; namely, the State Employees, the teachers, the judges and State Patrol. This board is in a position to provide adequate and uniform administration of all retirement systems from a centrally located office in Lincoln. At present there are 22 counties