

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator Marvel is now on the floor. LB 452 is a matter of some concern to, I presume, all of us. It's been involved by--a series of letters and a series of statements by both members of this body as well as the Chief Executive. I want it clearly understood I'm not speaking for the Governor of the State of Nebraska at this particular time on this particular bill any, either directly or indirectly. I have a great deal of interest in this bill from the standpoint that I think that the computerization of all the activity of the State joined in the the University and the normal schools and the local divisions of government so far as it can be brought about is probably one of the most important things that will confront this body at this time and a long time to come. What I'm attempting to do is to bring about a compromise. It is my opinion and I say it's only my opinion that one time the Governor of the state of this--State might have accepted this bill had he been permitted to have the amendment which I offered then which was rejected by this body upon its own judgment and which I'm offering again. Now the problem is this. Many times many of us say some things maybe we wish we hadn't said and I probably do that more than any member of this body but in any case, I think we ought to take one last look at it to see if there is a means by which we can compromise the differences between this body and maybe the Chief Executive and again I want to reemphasize, I have no reason to say or to believe that if we make this amendment, he'll accept this bill. I do not know that and I have not talked to him about it whether he would or not and I don't intend to but what the amendment says is this; the present bill says that the commission shall be composed of the Governor who shall be the Chairman, the Attorney General, the Auditor, the Public Accountant and the State Treasurer and the Secretary of State. Now insofar as I am concerned personally, I don't care who the commission is composed of. I think that is almost completely immaterial and I know from experience and observation that once you appoint a commission, you don't necessarily run it and tell them what to do. Sometimes they do the opposite. Now my amendment says this; it changes that and it says that the, that the five members shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to the approval of the Legislature for confirmation. Now the Governor's already said, not to me but everybody in the newspaper, if we pass this bill in this form, he's going to veto it, that's certain and he's going to take it to court if we override his veto which I think is a desirable thing to do because only by that method can we somewhat put a plainer understanding and a line to divide the Executive from the Legislative responsibility. Many times we deal in an area in which no one knows exactly where that line is. I would think it might be a good thing if this happened because then I hope that the issue would be broad enough so that the Supreme Court of this State would make a definition of the points that we better understand the division than we apparently do now. Now if we bring this bill back and we amend it, at least it seemed to me we're doing at least a reasonable thing to consider it and I hope that you'll do it. On the other hand, if you feel you've got 30 votes in this body to override his veto as the bill now exists, if you really think that, then what I'm saying should really have no acceptance or concern in that, in that concern. I don't think you got 30 votes. I do not know and speaking, only one Senator, I am unwilling to take the responsibility which is self implied, to try to not do something to prevent that from happening and I think this is an all important bill. Whether it's a separation of the Executive from the Legis--I think is a moot question. Nobody knows, we just talk about something we don't know anything about. I would hope and I say I would hope, if we amend this bill he'll accept it and I