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questioned at the hearing and it was the judgment of the Committee simply to strike original sections 36 and 37 which deal with the Attorney General's office. So those are the amendments. I move the adoption of the amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have pending an amendment to the Committee amendment. Mr. President, we apparently didn't announce the vote on the advancement of 77C. It was 26 ayes, 1 nays, and 22 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Who has the amendment to the...? All right. This is your amendment, Senator. We will recognize you before we read the amendment then. Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am proposing an amendment to the Committee amendment. It does one thing. It makes the person responsible for the management audit, which is what the Committee amendment is related to, responsive to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council rather than putting him under the control of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst. So therefore, it creates a new division so that he can be answerable directly to the Exec Board and the purpose for this is that it is a very different function than that pursued by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, so he needs, in my opinion, a direct relationship with the Executive Board to give him the autonomy that he needs to pursue his activities and that is the only change in the scope of what you are talking about. If you have any questions on that, Senator Anderson, since I didn't get to talk to you about it, I will be happy to answer them.

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment that I have now by Senator Bereuter is as follows: Read amendment. See pages 1330 and 1331, Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, did you want to speak to this amendment? The amendment to the amendment or the amendment.

SENATOR KEYES: I have a question I would like to have answered about the amendment to the amendment or the bill, anyone. First of all, I would like to ask Senator Gary Anderson, if we, in setting up an auditing department by the analyst or whoever we have in state working for us, if we are going to have two sets of auditing going on in the State of Nebraska by these amendments? I want to know if really the Legislature is qualified to hire auditors when we already have an auditor elected at state level and who can perform this with some outside help or do we think we are better qualified and get a better answer to this way?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I didn't catch the first part of your question but I believe, if I understood it, you are saying is this appropriate to be in the Legislature? Are we best qualified to do that? And I think, very definitely,