

SENATOR BOUGHN: It does.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, very good. Now as I.... Thank you, Senator Boughn. As I understand several of these state agencies don't want into this bill for particular reasons. As I recall the Game and Parks didn't want into it. Isn't that correct? Because of the nature of the work of the State Game and Parks they don't keep track of hourly wages. Is this correct, Senator Boughn?

SENATOR BOUGHN: That's correct, yes sir.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. Then I don't know why we want to approve this amendment when some of them don't want into it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner. Did you ask Senator Brennan a question, Senator Nichol? You did not. Okay. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: My question was answered a little while ago. I wanted to know what the word "suffer" meant. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Well you don't need to take the Chair's word for it. This is strange usage, but ordinarily it means to allow.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Boughn then what the word "suffer" means.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Would you wait just a minute. I'll get the Thesaurus and answer your question.

PRESIDENT: Well the Koch Memorial Library is right over here. Senator Koch, could you direct him to the library.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan. Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm not going to challenge the Chair on this definition. I'd like to ask Senator Luedtke a question, if he will yield. Senator Luedtke, I think the University of Nebraska has taken the Legislature to court, have they not, on trying to determine what our roles are related to the Board of Regents. I believe that this is one of the things that caused the problem last year, was it not, when we attempted to set wages for University employees. Could you speak to that?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Well you have stated it very well. That is the way I understood it. That was one of their contentions. That was one of the matters which was sought to be resolved in this lawsuit. The interesting thing about it is that I understand both sides think they won in this case. However, I think there was some resolution on the point that the University, as far as overall appropriations the Legislature of course always has the upper hand, but in individual administrative matters such as this I think that was the resolution on salaries ... the University.

SENATOR RUMERY: I wondered, Mr. President and Senator Luedtke, if we should forego any action of this kind until a court decision has been actually settled.