

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'd like to object just for a minute, because I was going to ask for the same room for our marijuana bill hearings. I would like to find out, I'll remove the objection as soon as I find out if I can figure out who would have the biggest crowd. If I can talk to the Revenue chairman for a little while to find out, would that be in order or not?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Revenue gives notice of a series of hearings. Signed Senator Keyes, Chairman. Mr. President, Education gives notice of an executive session Monday at 10:30. Mr. President, I move to suspend the rules and withdraw LB 439 and cancel the hearing. Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This particular bill deals with providing for a vote of the people for contracts issued by power districts and natural resource districts over \$50,000. The reason that I ask this to be done today that there is a measure utility negotiating for some short-term finances tomorrow of substantial amounts. Although I have always been in love with this bill and it's certainly meritorious I would hate to preclude some financial arrangements because there is a bill pending and adversely affect the financing of that operation without the full force and effect of the Legislature. So in a spirit of cooperation, I would ask that the bill be withdrawn and I'd ask to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: I have a question of Senator Lewis. Senator Lewis, we have not heard the bill, but I have heard from a number of people concerning it. Some believe it's a bad bill, others feel it's very meritorious. I want to ask you a question before I vote on it. Does this have anything... would this have any effect on bonding companies in the state of Nebraska in any way if it would happen to be passed?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I think that the passing of the bill would call for a relook at issuing a bond structure. I certainly am interested in particular approach and have long been involved in it, but at this time because my only reason for withdrawing it and again this area is not in my particular district, so I don't really care. It affects a major fire server outside of the Omaha area, so again, they've got some short-term money problems. That's why I ask to withdraw it. If the members do not want it withdrawn, certainly I will pursue...

SENATOR MILLS: Well, Senator Lewis I didn't get my question answered. Does it have an affect on the bonding companies?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'm sure it does. Yes, yes.

SENATOR MILLS: I've had a number of people write lately and had some feelings that were quite meritorious and I just... the only reason you're withdrawing it is because something to do with bonds, is that it?