

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, do you have an opinion as to whether it is or it isn't? The Court of Industrial Relations a court of competent jurisdiction? Alright. Mr. Chairman, then I would say this for the record, if the Court of Industrial Relations is a court of competent jurisdiction this certainly puts a heavy weight on this amendment. It's a sleeper, I'll tell you, so open your eyes on this one.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Simon, then Senator Fowler and Senator Marsh. Senator Simon. He's not here. Senator Fowler then Senator Marsh or vice versa. That's the last light. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Chairman, I have some questions I'd like to ask Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler, as I understand it your sections of the amendment 1, 2 and 3 apply to the entire State of Nebraska. Is that correct?

SENATOR FOWLER: That is correct.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Newell, are you listening? Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Fowler amendment apply to the entire State of Nebraska, not just Lincoln. I thought I should point that out for your information. Thank you very much.

SENATOR BARNETT: Is that all, Senator Marsh? Senator Boughn has now turned on his light. Senator Boughn.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Senator Fowler, when was the Court of Industrial relations created please? Who do they have jurisdiction over, what cases please?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well I know the jurisdiction. I can't remember the exact date they were created. I think its history is that it goes back to public power cases, about 1967 I think it was expanded to cover public employees. Probably Senator Koch, or someone, has a better history on it than I do.

SENATOR BOUGHN: It's membership is now...what do we have?

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: The Court of Industrial Relations was established by this body under law. Senator Murphy asked the question as to whether it was a court of competent jurisdiction. It is a court recognized by us, as a body, but with limited jurisdiction because they only work in an area that deals with industrial employment disputes. They are the ones who pass on the final decision as to just what the subdivision of government shall do in terms of... It becomes binding arbitration right then and there. So it is a court of limited jurisdiction.

SENATOR BOUGHN: They do now cover state and local employees, correct?

SENATOR KOCH: Any employment relationship that we have, whether it's a dispute between the political subdivision and the employees of that subdivision of government.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Haven't you found in there that the Court of Industrial Relations have been competent dealing with teachers problems?