

standing committee might fit in or am I asking you to project the determination of this Legislature too far in advance? It is a concern of mine if we do make it a standing committee Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Carsten, I anticipated that question as I was reading my material this morning. I think that at this point that is conjecture and I can't remember what we recommended to the Legislature for their consideration as their standing committees. I am certain that if we would adopt this that certainly we could give this responsibility to one of those committees in terms of carrying out the intent of this law.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Now if I may Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Duis a question, if I may. Senator Duis you are the chairman of the select committee or special committee of rules and regulation. I noticed that you did support this bill in bringing it out of committee. I am wondering what your reaction is to making this a standing committee and this is more far reaching as far as your responsibilities and your actions are concerned than your present committee. I would really like to have your comments on this if I may ask that Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Carsten, I appreciate the question. First off I want to commend Senator Koch for introduction of the Legislative Bill that he has. Of course, I think one of the things that we will receive immediately will be a request from the Attorney General as to whether or not this is Constitutional. It won't come from me, but undoubtedly from the administrative branch of government will probably try to find this out. May I go into...you have some time, may I use it? Senator Koch with your indulgence. We, at my insistence a number of years ago started this special committee that has worked very well. We have been somewhat repulsed in our efforts because all we have at the present time is the ability to request that the administrative departments of governments or those other departments of government appear before us. We can not demand it. In one instance about a year or two ago the Ag Department of the State of Nebraska just plain told us to go jump in the creek, that they were not going to show up. I think that this needs to be strengthened, and well of course you have pride in authorship. The committee in its present form has reduced the rules and regulations of the State of Nebraska from probably half a room full to a place where you could put them on a book shelf what you have seen before the Legislature. I am concerned about it being a standing committee in this respect that I would hate to see it given to a standing committee of the Legislature. I believe that the personnel of this particular committee should have this as one function, and not have I don't know Senator Koch what you have prepared or what you have thought in mind here but I don't believe that this duty should be assigned to any other committee of the Legislature that it should be a committee unto itself, whether it should be a standing committee or a special committee I don't know. Now the point remains that the majority of the work of this committee comes during the interim, not during the session. Consequently, I would have this in response to Senator Koch because I feel as author of the bill he should be able to give this explanation. The work that we have to do in our