

the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion to amend, but I do have a priority motion that was just filed, it is from Senators Chizek and Lynch. They would move to return LB 1250 to the Appropriations Committee for a committee hearing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, we won't spend a lot of time on...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me. The call is raised. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, we won't spend a lot of time talking about this anymore than we have already. Simply a motion in the absence of our ability to bracket the bill until the 25th, to give us a chance to talk about it ourselves we make the motion to send it back to committee so there can be then a public hearing to discuss it. Most of us know what...we think we know what is happening behind the scenes. If you don't know what is happening behind the scenes, as a state senator, I would suggest you try to find out. We know there are a number of bargaining units, and we know that that is sometimes difficult. However, I can tell you when I was in the plumbing business, for about 30 years, we negotiated, in a small business like ours, with as many as four unions at a time because we hired different kinds of crafts and skills. The number isn't important. I know it might be easier if there were a smaller number to negotiate with. I'm not sure if that is possible, giving the number of unions that represent the employees of the State of Nebraska. But maybe for all of us to better understand what that is, if it does in fact exist, and what the intention may be, probably even better than a motion to bracket would be the motion to send it back for a public hearing so we understand. I don't think that would violate the effort of