

where it improves something. I am not willing to vote for spending dollars when it is no improvement and is unnecessary. Therefore, I cannot support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, then Senator Hannibal. I don't see... Senator Labeledz, then Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The Exec Board at one time discussed whether or not the Council of State Governments should be eliminated as far as membership for the State of Nebraska in the agencies plus the Legislative Council members, or members of the Legislature, and we unanimously I believe at that time said we should continue our membership with the Council of State Governments. I believe that LB 52 as introduced by Senator Haberman is a good bill because we feel that the agencies, whether they use the membership or not, should be responsible for their own membership and pay from their own Legislative Council budget. So I agree and support LB 52 as introduced by Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise only for informative purposes. I hope that I can try to dispel some of the thoughts that I have been hearing around the floor of the Legislature with this bill. It isn't necessarily a big bill, but if you think that the Legislative Council is going to receive an additional \$20,000, you are mistaken, and if you think that the agencies of state government that are going to pay their share for this dues out of their existing budgets, you are probably also mistaken. What exactly is going to happen is the request to our committee and to you, the Legislature, from the Legislative Council's budget will be reduced by \$20,000 because their council dues will be \$20,000. The dues and the appropriation request to our committee and to you, the Legislature, from each of these other agencies of government will be going up by the same amount of dollars that will be commensurate with their dues to the association, and so there will be no exchange of dollars, no savings to any agency, no savings to state government, no difference in total amount of dollars through the appropriation process. Nothing is going to change except that it will be allocated to these particular agencies. There will be five checks drawn and five checks will go to the Council of State Governments instead of one, should all these agencies participate, and that is all this bill is