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the law is now that the prosecutor has, at his discretion, his or her discretion to appoint a prosecutor, does the significant costs in the mandatory special prosecutor, is that warranted?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, would you yield to that question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will, Mr. President. Senator Bourne, yes, I think the amount is warranted. As the World-Herald editorial pointed out, and they're hardly a radical newspaper, they hardly can be considered a paper that supports me, blindly. They are well aware of the citizen suspicion of the county attorney, who works on a day-to-day basis with the police, presiding over a grand jury proceeding during which he has to rely on those very police for all of the evidence and so forth he or she would get. So I think it is worth that cost to provide not only the confidence on the part of the public, but to have a disinterested party direct the grand jury.

SENATOR BOURNE: I...excuse me for my voice this morning. Amendment 852 is basically LB 73, which I did not vote to advance out of committee, simply for this reason. I think there are some very good things in this bill that are worthy and should be adopted. However, I think that the prosecutor should retain the discretion to appoint a special prosecutor or not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members. I guess I just rise in support of returning LB 72 and adopting the amendment. And I guess a couple of reasons. One of them, if you read the handout that Senator Chambers handed out this morning, with the Omaha Police local union and the Fraternal Order of Police, I think there was a lot of support there from police officers that are involved in these things. One of the things, I guess, I question, and maybe this is a question that I might address to Senator Chambers, and he can answer a little bit later because I may give him a little bit of my time, but the way I understand it, if you have a killing and you have the special prosecutor and he requests this team of investigators,