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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator, you have roughly seven minutes, if you care to use it.

SENATOR ROBAK: Oh, seven minutes, okay. I think we've wasted a lot of time on this bill right now, and not really wasted because we did have some pretty good talk...debate on this, but I think that now is the time to put this to a vote and let's go on with the study and go on with the findings and we need to find a different way to approach this so that we don't use taxpayers' money; we don't use taxpayers' money to make individuals wealthy. I could, you know, like to use some of that money for myself, too, but we don't operate that way here in Nebraska. So I think we'll just go on with the study, the feasibility study, with three people from the Legislature, four people appointed by the Governor, and that way we will have a pretty good mix throughout the state to come up with the findings that we need to put this bill before...before 49 senators. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have items. Health and Human Services reports LB 411 to General File; Natural Resources reports LB 243 to General File, those signed by their respective Chairs. I also have a confirmation report from those two committees. I have a Reference report, Mr. President, referring a gubernatorial appointee. And there will be a meeting of the Agriculture Committee in Room 2022 at 10:00 a.m.; Ag at ten o'clock in Room 2022. (Legislative Journal pages 479-480.)

Mr. President, Senator Robak, I now have your amendment to your amendment. Did you want to take that up now, Senator? This is the handwritten one we did this morning. (FA17, Legislative Journal page 480.)

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What this amendment does, we would strike on line 8, "four" and insert "six" members appointed by the Governor, two from each Congressional district, one would be a Republican, one would be a Democrat, from each