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just briefly, I thought this was a bad bill again because of section 17, but I had thought to just leave it on General File and vote against it, and I think it has enough votes to kill the thing or die on Final Reading, but this seems to be going in the opposite direction of what we usually intend to have in this sort of bill, and with that section 17 in it I would like to see you go back and face your constituents and attempt to explain that. I think we are right here now where we were when we enacted this bill to start with. We are approaching the end of the session. We passed something. Remember, Senator Luedtke, we passed something.

PRESIDENT: I remember.

SENATOR NICHOL: I don't think it was good then. I don't think this is a good bill and I commend Senator Hoagland for attempting to do something, but I hope that Senator Hoagland will take this thing and make something of it in the interim sometime between now and the future so that it has meaning to it rather than just something that costs the taxpayers money.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, will you respond?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator, this bill received only 13 votes as it was brought before us last week. What will....how will the people of the state of Nebraska suffer or be at a disadvantage if we just leave it that way?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Rumery, this bill has been carefully worked over for about fourteen months now, in committee and with a number of outside persons contributing to working out language which is going to clean the bill up....is going to clean the act up considerably. Now, this bill has 25 sections that change various parts of the act, and about 19 of those sections you are purely housekeeping. Some are necessary, some are good. What we are trying to do here...what Senator Barrett and I are trying to do here is preserve the housekeeping portions of the bill that are going to make the accountability act work better for everybody.