

that is not the proper reference and I don't think that you have to continue to make the same mistakes over and over and over again, but if, in fact, it doesn't belong in Education, then I think that Jack Rodgers' first reference proposal that it go to Appropriations is a little more justified than Agriculture. Frankly, to me it seems very obvious that the bill was referred to Agriculture because there are those on the Exec Board who are supporting that and feel that it will come out of that committee. Frankly, I have no doubts it will come out of that committee. I have no doubts at all that that bill will see the light of day soon after the hearing. I have no doubts that for those people that want to see this bill moved quickly across the floor of this Legislature that Agriculture is indeed the best place for this bill to be placed. It is not right. It is not just. It is not justifiable. It is not consistent. It is not fair, but by golly it will be on the floor for us to debate, and I guess that is not a problem unless, of course, you really believe that the system, committee system, ought to work as it is theoretically supposed to work, that we look at things in context, and we look at the bills and how they relate to everything else that the committees doing, and et cetera. Now I think there has been a number of problems with referencing this year, a number of problems that I would ask whether or not we are referencing in the kind of fashion that we used to reference and that is at least trying to find some justification for making the decisions that are being made. It seems to me, and I am not part of the committee, that the referencing questions have been much more political this year than they have in the past, and that is quite unique considering all the allegations about how evil the old Exec Board was and what a wonderful group that we have here referencing the bills. There is a number of bills that I think are going the wrong place and this is probably the most blatant of those referencing decisions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I think maybe perhaps I should preface my remarks by reminding the body that maybe I am a little bit prejudiced also since I am a member of the Education Committee, since I have been deeply involved with this issue from the start. I should also like to correct what I think has been some misrepresentation here this morning that all of agriculture, everybody in rural Nebraska is in favor of this with one exception and that is Tom Vickers. That