

Reference Committee decision here and leave it with the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Hefner must have been talking to people who do not know what went on when the Executive Board and other organizational activities were occurring during the beginning and shortly prior to the beginning of this session. Politics was the rule and order of the day. The Republican Party frankly stated that they were intervening in various elections for members to the Legislature with a view toward having input and how redistricting would occur. So to stand here now on this floor, Senator Hefner, and say what you said is to indicate that either you don't read or after having read you conveniently forgot what you had read. The Republican Party has made it very clear what its intentions and desires are. If we would be completely frank, we know why Senator Hefner is even Chairman of that committee. We know because we are all a part of this body and we were all approached by people talking about the deals that were being cut in order to determine who would be given chairmanships and who would be denied them. So the record must be clear on these matters. We heard before the Government Committee yesterday a bill to set aside a day to honor George Norris. One young man came up and opposed the bill, but I think he did it to make a point, to draw into sharp focus the hypocrisy of politics and politicians. He documented from history the positions that George Norris had taken, then established factually how the existing and prior legislatures had acted in opposition and contravention of those principles. One of the greatest ironies was the fact that George Norris is primarily praised for establishing the idea of a non-partisan Unicameral in Nebraska. The irony is this, during a session when the Legislature has been converted into a de facto partisan body and was organized on that basis, in comes a bill to honor the man who wanted a nonpartisan Legislature. So this young man was struck by the hypocrisy and inconsistency and I was very comfortable with his testimony and I enjoyed it. So we are confronted this morning with another situation where the truth is being clouded although everybody sitting on this floor know what the truth really is. The Executive Board, its composition, is an example of politics par excellence, and when I say politics I don't mean participation by the citizens and the election of representatives but politics in the sense of maneuvering, cutting deals and paying off and punishing. We know that... we can look at the reference of bills and we know the