

of surplus properties sponsored by Senator DeCamp, energy changes sponsored by Senator Kahle, State Patrol changes sponsored by Senator Nichol, risk managers system sponsored by myself and a number of other senators, restriction on the procedures for grain handling so that we don't have a situation like they had in Missouri sponsored by the Agricultural Committee, modification of the Criminal Reparations Board sponsored by Senator Pirsch and Schmit, nonresident violations compact sponsored by Senator Landis. So to say that we are not offering anything or that we are not offering anything substantive is a little foolish. Now what about the four bills involved that I am asking to withdraw today? Maybe in essence, Senator Beutler, in answer to your question, this was the most wise money ever spent by a Legislature because it was the most educational process that I have ever witnessed since I have been here. What education occurred? Far and wide in the length and breadth of every Nebraska community, Nebraskans for the first time learned to understand how unique Nebraska government is compared with other states and we as legislators learned to understand it. In fact, right or wrong, the Governor of the state in many, many respects is much like the King of England, a titular head with no control, no power, no supervision for all practical purposes over much of state government. Game and Parks, Library Commission, Historical Societies and other sixty, eighty different things out there that everybody presumes are controlled by the Governor, presumes are under the supervision of the Governor, presumes that the Governor is at fault for if something goes right or wrong, are, in fact, very directly under the control of the Legislature. We are the Governor of the State of Nebraska as legislators in one major area after another. We decide how much money they get, we decide what the laws are going to be under and for all practical purposes the Governor of this state has little or no control over a vast area of state government that everybody presumes he does. So the public has been educated and the public has reacted and they have reacted strongly and they have said, look we like the system the way it is and if they do, fine, but understand then you as legislators have a unique responsibility. You are, for all practical purposes, the Governor. You are the chief head and the responsible one over these agencies. So I am asking to withdraw the bills at the request of the Governor at the request of myself. I pointed out to the Governor and his staff that the only way these bills could pass would be if there was a very decisive effort on the part of the Governor to provide staff, personnel, whatever lobbying effort is necessary to really push the bills. For whatever reasons they chose not to. They believe this is the better course. I concur