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really aren't as important as this one, you know that I wouldn't be on there just to get a free ride. I do believe there are issues that have to be dealt with on behalf of the Legislature. The only ones who can do the job that needs to be done in behalf of the Legislature are legislators, those who are dedicated to seeing that our role is properly carried out, that our prerogatives are protected. Now there was an incident where a lady named Ida Fitzgibbon was killed out in western Nebraska. There had been an investigation by the local law enforcement agency, the state patrol and the Governor's office had been involved. They arrived at a conclusion which the people in that area could not accept, nor could some dismissed members of the state patrol. A special investigative committee of the Legislature was organized and came up with some findings that resulted in a charge of defamation of character or slander being brought against that committee and its members. The case went to court. The court not only dismissed that charge against the legislative committee but pointed out the great power that the Legislature as a whole has and that an investigative committee has, that it has an obligation and a duty under the Constitution to provide legislative oversight. Committees of this kind can be established. They have the power to subpoena witnesses, to take testimony and do all of the things that are necessary to carry out an investigation pursuant to the legislative function. So there I don't think is any question about the validity of having a committee do what this one is designed to do. To show you how much I will stay on an issue even though it involves people other than myself, we are right now in court as to whether to determine whether Senators can be given expenses during the session. It is on my voucher and some work that I have done in conjunction with the Department of Administrative Services and the Attorney General's office to get our case together that has helped bring us to the point where we are on that issue. It has hung fire for at least as many years as I am old, but maybe it took my coming along to bring the matter to a head. So in the same way that I deal on that particular issue and others, I would do on this bid rigging investigation. So my amendment to the resolution would simply say that I could function as a member of the committee. That also has been done before. As a matter of fact, the Committee on Committees a couple of years ago appointed me and I think Senator Fowler to sit as members of the Banking Committee with the right to vote on the particular issue that we were considering, and we did sit as members of the

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