

policy for this state.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. On the amendment to the amendment, Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I was not going to address the amendment, and then when I realized that there may be a kill motion on this bill I chose to take the opportunity to address it right now. The first place is, I do support very much the continuity of the committee and also Senator Warner's expertise. I had the opportunity to serve on that committee for two years and the knowledge that you gain through actuaries, studying the basic facts of retirement, the terms and so on, is very important and, again, as I say, I support the Appropriations Committee chairman. I do have a little reservations that doesn't make that much difference whether or not the Revenue Committee chairman should have to serve on that committee or not. It is the long-term financial status of the state and the Appropriations Committee chairman is probably most knowledgeable. I also at this time, I would like to express...I very much am in favor of LB 189. I think that we have observed, as in all committee assignments, maybe or maybe not, where for some reason or another, maybe a little bit of political reason, political purpose or so on, as become involved in choosing the members of the Retirement Committee. I think people should be put on there that have learned the ropes. I've taken the time to express an interest in digging out the facts and finding out just exactly what our retirement is in the State of Nebraska. I guess maybe you think that I'm speaking with a little sour grapes in my mind or so on, but probably I am. In the choice of members of the Retirement Committee, I don't believe that that is any different than any other committee on the floor and that we should hope to have some continuity and some people in there that are interested and if they, themselves, take the time to study out what the committee does, and I very much support passage of LB 189. It is obviously needed.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Next to speak on the amendment to the amendment is Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment to the amendment deals with the issue of the chairman of the Revenue Committee being added to the Retirement Committee, and to be quite honest with you, I would, probably as