

Education Committee handles teachers' involvement and the committee handles teachers' retirement. So as long as we're going to Christmas tree this bill, I believe that is the term that I first learned when I came down here, we might as well give everybody a shot...I'm so irate I can't figure out how to get the chairman of the Ag Committee on there, but I'll figure out a way before we're through maybe. Everybody should have a shot of being on this Retirement Committee which all of a sudden has become the focal point of this body. Now I don't know whether that is due to my charming personality or what, but it is rather pleasing that Senator Lynch and his committee should choose the Retirement Committee to take up our time this morning and to change the whole apple cart. It has been operating this way, I think fairly good. I'd have to say that, being the chairman. So I would ask that you defeat the amendment to the amendment and then I have an amendment up there that if that passes, to add the other three chairmen, so then we'll just go ahead our merry way. I would like to remind to you, it only takes a simple majority to amend an amendment to an amendment, so if you're opposed to this, watch how you vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise actually to oppose the amendment to the amendment. I indicated initially when I spoke that you could develop a rationale for every committee to have, as it has been pointed out, somebody from Revenue and somebody from Appropriations, and I also said at that point that was not a legitimate or a strong argument and I don't believe it is. I suspect maybe what we're really arguing about this morning is a bill I don't care what happens to, or two of them. As I recall, I heard yesterday a bill read in that the "ex officio" member of the Exec Board, which happens to be chairman of Appropriations, is to be removed or the other option I believe was for the chairman of the Revenue Committee to be added and I assume we're establishing a precedent, which is fine. See, I don't care on that one. I do care about this one and it isn't me I care about although I've heard that comment and it's nice when people say nice things about you and it is not so nice when they don't, but that is not the issue at all. The issue is that there is such a long-term impact, that that thought ought to be represented at all times on this particular committee. It came out of the Retirement Committee...it came out of the Appropriations Committee