

originally. At some point at least there was...bills were referred to Appropriations, it became a specialized area and Senator Lynch has gone through some of the history. One time it was the Exec Board, when I was chairman of Exec Board we were automatically the Retirement Committee. I did not think that functioned well because there was a lot of turnover in it, although at all times the chairman of Appropriations was always there. I just simply think in this particular issue that it is uniquely different than any other of the appropriated committees that we have, all of which are authorized to enact new, consider and recommend to the body the enactment of new programs or expansion, restrictions, and do, and there is no reason for a mixture of either Revenue or Appropriations to be on those, but this one I think there is and I would hope that we do not get the structure of this committee mixed into what I suspect is another argument that is underneath it and one which...it's not an argument with me, I do have some other ideas of how you would restructure Exec Board that I will be glad at an appropriate time to talk about which I think might be helpful and would answer some of the problems that people may feel exist there, but that is not what is before us today. So I would urge that you would reject this amendment and adopt the amendment as it was originally offered.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Schimek for discussion on the amendment to the amendment, the Chair is pleased to announce that we have five cub scouts in the north balcony representing Den 8, Pack 128 in Lincoln from Senator McFarland's district. They are accompanied by their sponsor, Shelley Armstrong. Would you people please stand and be recognized, you young men, and Mrs. Armstrong. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us this morning. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chairman and members of the body, I simply have a question about what this amendment...what both amendments will do. Is the effect of this, Senator Lynch, to make it a six-member body including the chairman, plus two ex officio members? And does...and this really goes back to the original motion, does this make this a standing committee through this election process with a regular scheduled calendar? I may not be asking this at the right time but...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, would you respond to the question?