

colleges because that more accurately reflects what they actually do. You know, in 1972 we changed the name of the State Railway Commission to the Public Service Commission, to change the name, not anything to do with funding, to more accurately reflect what it was that that agency did. More recently, in the 1980s, the Nebraska Legislature changed the name of the Department of Welfare to the Department of Social Services. I think that is probably the best example of why a name change like this from Class VI to regional high school, you know, just like we did then, I mean, there was a variety of bad connotations for a variety reasons when you used the term "welfare" and social services was much more acceptable to the clients that use the department of welfare systems and it made a lot of sense. It was simply an aesthetic name change, and that's simply what this bill is, this amendment. If you adopt it, I'm asking you to suspend the rules. Hope we can discuss it briefly. I don't want to bog the body down and I sure do not want to impede the progress of Senator Robak's bill but it's an issue that I think makes a lot of sense. I hope that members of the Education Committee could maybe shed some more light on why I have been forced to use this avenue to try and address the concept of changing Class VIs to regional high schools. And with that serving as my introduction, I will sit down and be quiet at this time and if it's...it's interesting and I don't know if there is any...I guess it's too bad that we have to debate this bill this morning because I would like to go to some state high school basketball tournament games but I would like to debate this and debate it thoroughly without taking up too much time though. And, with that, I will sit down and be quiet.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion on the motion to return the bill to Select File. Senator Withem, followed by Senators Smith, Lamb and Nelson. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Moore basically explained the procedure. One thing he left out is when he talked about the efficiency of the Education Committee, one thing we have done to be even more efficient is when Senator Moore has bills referred to the committee we basically kill them before the hearing, saves a lot of time. In this case, we...the committee probably acted too quickly. I would point out to the body, however, that I am pure in this case, I did, in fact, vote against the kill motion, supportive of the concept as it was brought to us by Senator Moore and also supportive of this action. We did report the bill...I did