

years do you want to go back? Basically, he says, I'm tired and I would like to get it done. My people are good people but they're not doing what they need to do and we would just like to have something that we have needed a long time. Can you do anything? I said, I will give it a try. And so here is the amendment that was being offered. And, Senator Wehrbein, you are absolutely right, the committee didn't know about it at the beginning of the budget but these people don't ask for much. The State of Nebraska will always say, or the university will always say, maybe next year. And the people will say, fine, then they do the extra work to make up for it. And then we'll say, well, we've got more important fish out there, we've got to...we have other things that are there. And they will say, fine. And they're good people and these good people finally said, we have had enough of saying, fine, we would like just a piece and not much, just a piece, and it's not really for us. That's the sad thing really for me. It's almost sometimes when you see these people you say this is what Nebraska is truly all about. They're asking this not even for themselves. They look at their research. They look at what they're doing for the people of this country and the world and they say, we can do a better job, just let us do our job, get us out of the 1920s so that we can do our job, not for us but for other people. And that's where they finally came and asked, and I could even say the word "begged", to see if they could do something. And a lot of these people won't be here in a few years as they retire and move on but the building will and what they do will live on. It's a good amendment. It's something that the Legislature can do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to LB 814. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall the amendment be adopted? Please vote if you would care to vote. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We'll go with a roll call vote...or, excuse me, a call of the house, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please record your presence. Those outside the Chamber, please return.