

stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us this afternoon. Mr. Clerk, on the amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have your request number AM2030 in front of me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: 2030? Mr. President, members of the committee, this just cleans up the amendment a little bit and I'll explain my changes to you. On page 1, line 12, after "district" insert "except that the parent," meaning that the parent for the committee appointed to represent the third congressional district shall reside in North Platte, Nebraska, or an area west of North Platte, Nebraska". The reason for this amendment is so many people feel that if you go to western Nebraska, if you go up to Blair or if you go to Grand Island or if you go south to Hastings, you're in western Nebraska. Well, we really don't consider that as western Nebraska, so the only thing I'm saying is if we would like to have input from that part of the state that does not have heavily population people who have the same problems, let's put some of them on the committee. The second change is that "Meetings shall be scheduled on a rotating basis so that a meeting is held in each congressional district." As it is set up now it just says meetings and the amendment says they'll hold one in each of the congressional districts, one, two and three. That way everybody will get a fair shot at it. The next one said that "The department shall provide training opportunities throughout the state and shall hold at least one pre-service orientation and in-service training program each year in each legislative district," which means that these training programs are going to be held in each legislative district so that everybody is on the same playing field as to travel, as to time, as to input. As it is now, for example, I have 10 counties. They could come out and hold one meeting and have three or four legislative districts and the people don't have the time or the wherewithal to go to the meeting. So every senator's legislative district would have one of these in-service, pre-service orientation meetings. Also on the committee it requires that at least five members of this committee be from the third congressional district. As it is now, it just says a member who will be whatever, and I'm saying that out of these 15 to 17 members,