

bill. The committee amendments become the bill at that point and the committee amendments simply say that if you do hold one elective office, you can hold another elective office. The committee decided that we would simply leave it up to the voters in the district. If they wanted a person on the City Council and on the school board, that should be their decision because we could not come up with a laundry list that made any sense as to what offices you could and couldn't hold dually. So, with that, I would be glad to try and answer any questions and I would be glad to listen to any discussion that we have on this issue, but it is an issue that is a very serious one and one that we need to deal with in this state because we do have many areas out in the rural areas especially where we have trouble filling offices and finding candidates, qualified candidates for several...for some of the offices that are located out in these areas. So, with that, I would be happy to answer any questions and also would be interested in what debate goes on on this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I understand we have an amendment to the amendments, Mr. Clerk. (The Coordsen amendment appears on page 1397 of the Legislative Journal.)

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would move to amend the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, on page 5 of the committee amendments, about half-way through on line 12 is where my amendment...and I would apologize for not distributing this on the floor because I didn't really think it was coming up quite this quickly this morning. And I will read a section of the committee amendments and then follow with the language of my amendment. And this is on page 5 of the committee amendments, beginning on line 8. Number 2. "No person serving as a member of the Legislature or in an elective office described in Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska shall simultaneously serve in any other elective office" and this is where this amendment that I'm offering this morning picks up. And then we would go on to read, if this amendment was adopted, "except that such a person may simultaneously serve in another elective office which is filled at an election held in conjunction with the annual meeting of a public body." What does this mean? In Nebraska,