

up a lot of information, and it ultimately will help the State of Nebraska or the university, as the case might be. Given the fact that I threw this together, it's not in the Journal, and it probably needs some better understanding, I think what we could profit from this conversation is the fact that what we have to do in this state is to start to treat every employee in this state, who is on the payroll, the same as all elected officials as far as accountability is concerned. There is absolutely no reason, for whatever good intentions may exist on the part of professors or anybody else, when they travel, that they should be treated any differently than we are, or other constitutional officeholders. And to be completely frank, I thought about it because when I asked the Accountability and Disclosure Commission about some travel on the part of some people in the system I was told that they don't have to be accountable. And I don't think any of you want that. We've been talking all morning long about how we can develop a system that works. Why should we leave out of the system, if we expect it to work, an awful lot of people who do a lot more traveling and probably have a lot more potential for conflict of interest than we do? What's the point? It doesn't make any sense to me, and so I will assure you that we will encourage, we will pursue this kind of a concern, and maybe in a different form, hopefully, this year with another piece of legislation, or maybe appropriationwise. But we should pursue it. Based on that, I appreciate the chance to share at least my concern with some of you about the inequity of the principal as we talk about it here on the floor. And as long as we talk about the equity and the principal as it applies to elected officials, that's all we're concerned with, then what you ought to be concerned with is everybody who is on the payroll in the state, and apply the same standards to all of them as well. So I'd respectfully withdraw this amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: The amendment is withdrawn. Are there further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Where are we at? We're on Select File. Is there a motion to advance the bill? Senator Will or Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I move that 232 be advanced to E & R engrossing.