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LB 502

SENATOR CONWAY: In terms of response, the only difference there would be, and philosophically I agree although we have in Board of Regents v. Exon opinion and the like, the university has their own control of that budget item and whether we can get to that and not betray the constitutional language there, I don't know. Therein lies the real difference between the state employees. We are sort of the board of the top of and make these decisions as we're doing here. When we get to the university or even the state college system, they have autonomous boards that we have, through the Constitution have the authority to make those decisions. So there is the difference...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...but again, I'm not sure the philosophy is any different.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. So in the last minute what I would suggest is in our attempt on the floor here today to leave the appearance at least of trying to be as fair as we can with the nonbargaining employees we can't assume that same responsibility or even expect the university to do the same thing. Therein lies the terrible problem we have in Nebraska, in my opinion, of the very...the obvious absence of any kind of, not control, but at least influence over policy and how it differs between and in between one system of the state as compared to another. I think it's a terrible and obvious difference.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Does anyone else wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Conway? The closing is waived. We will vote on the committee amendments to LB 502. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Would you like to open on the bill, Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President, members, during the discussion relative to the committee amendments, the bill,