

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Avery, would you like to just remind us what your amendment does quickly.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President, yes, I'll go over it. LB 307 basically attempts to or is requesting to take out all provisions of intergovernmental that are currently in statute. This was placed in, if I have my dates right, I think back in 1934. There are two provisions of the statutes, or two committees or cooperation units, one is the Governor's Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation and the Nebraska Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation. And the third is the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental. The two of them, the Governor's committee and Nebraska's commission have, it is my understanding, never been utilized. We currently have a Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental, their duties mainly rely or set in a process whereby...keeps records, keeps files in terms of travel requests and approval process, one step that is before it goes to the Exec Board. My amendment tries or asks to leave in the Legislative Intergovernmental. The discussion centered around several points, some of them that this has been in there a long time, not used. The Exec Board has some of the authority, it should be just left up to them. Different concerns, different questions that I had raised was that it centers this power more to a few instead of spread out through the whole body. With that, I believe that pretty well covers what it does. Basically I'm asking with my amendment to leave the intergovernmental...the legislative portion of that intergovernmental. We will be eliminating two other committees or commissions that are...have never been used and that were left in statute. So with that, I'll see what we get for questions or comments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Avery. For discussion on the Avery amendment, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again, I rise in opposition to Senator Avery's amendment. The provision in statute that he talks about, they were all actually adopted and incorporated into law in 1937. And they deal with the areas of intergovernmental cooperation, whether they be the Nebraska commission that was established and ineffectively never used for the last 40 some years. The Governor's Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation, which in effect has never been active. And then the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation, which has functioned as an administrative capacity,