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Exec Board for referencing so that either the Government Committee or wherever it would be referenced, they could have a little bit better hearing on it, we might be able to get more information, rather than spending a couple of hours on this this morning based on no information? Would you be willing to do that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If that is the will of the body, I would. I guess I'm not necessarily understanding why that's necessary, but if that's the will of the body, I would, yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, let me rephrase it, if I ask unanimous consent that the bill be referenced to the Exec Board for referencing, would you object?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, at this point, probably not.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution, 81, be referenced to the Exec Board for referencing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That's an interesting request, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I don't know. Let me confer with the Clerk one second.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I object.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I don't think the question of referencing a bill to committee is one which can be done via unanimous consent.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I was just checking to see if the Speaker and the Clerk were awake in the early morning hours of a Tuesday, so I will bring the motion up.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will support Senator Bernard-Stevens' motion. What is happening this morning is a graphic demonstration of what occurs when the main arguments for doing something is the fact that other states have done it. They don't have any more knowledge or understanding than exists on the floor of this body, in my opinion. If it were not for the fact that America, well, Nebraska, specifically, has some money dealings, and I know that