

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Change my vote to not voting..

CLERK: Senator Bernard-Stevens changing from yes to not voting. 21 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not agreed to. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Next amendment, Mr. President, by Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator, this is your floor amendment 193.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There is a request to substitute amendment 2122. Is that the number? Any objection? Substitution is ordered. Senator Bernard-Stevens yields to Senator Hall. (Senator Hall's AM2122 is found on page 2105 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The amendment that's before us, and I want to thank Senator Bernard-Stevens for the opportunity to jump it up the list, is an amendment that would shift \$100,000 from the line item in the budget that deals with the additional faculty members that are given to the university. It's that portion which is not earmarked that is left to the discretion of the Board of Regents on the allocation purposes and it takes \$100,000 of that and shifts it over to the budget at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. It then, in the last seven lines of that, or eight lines of that amendment, basically puts in place some intent language, knowing full well that this body can't dictate to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education how that money can be spent or to the Regents as well, but it addresses that issue with regard to the performance of their constitutional duties, if you will, as it relates to a dean at UNO for purposes of the engineering school there, and that's what the appropriation does. That's what the amendment does. It earmarks \$100,000, hopefully, for a dean at UNO. Why am I offering this amendment? And I don't...I need to tell you I offer this amendment because I firmly believe it's a very important thing to do. I am not as...and I don't have to defend this, many of you know I am not what you would call a shill for the Omaha business community. As a matter of fact, they're probably very uncomfortable that I'm carrying this amendment. But the thing is when you look at the facts that surround the situation and you look at the reports that have been done by