

Legislature and I was made aware of it because I will not let this one lie. This is something I'm looking into and finding out who's responsible and how it can be changed because this should not be allowed that the state of Nebraska can take someone's money out of their paycheck and give it to the...a union against their will. That's wrong. And I will...I will vote for the Dierks amendment to make sure this woman gets her money back. And then we should all work on changing that policy.

SENATOR WESELY: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Next, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I've been listening to this go on for a while just to...because I was unfamiliar with most of it, but what appears to me is there's a couple of things that are, I guess, are triggering the direction I'll vote. And that is, first, that what we're dealing with is a union steward who, above anybody else, ought to be familiar with the union rules. The people that draft these rules, that vote on these rules, like us, voting on laws, we ought to know what we're voting on, and the same thing I think would apply to a union steward. Consequently, I think that that union steward, and from what I've gathered from talking with some people here, that union steward knew exactly what she was doing and could have properly withdrawn from the union. The second thing I look at is that she continued to operate actively in the union. And that indicates to me some sort of a waiver. It kind of reminds of the person that buys a...buys a car, says it's a lemon, wants to return it, but continues to drive it for two or three years then wants to get their money back. And I don't think that's...I don't think there's a fairness issue on that side of that. If you're going to continue to operate as a member, if you're going to continue to seek election to membership leadership positions, if you're going to continue to be as active as she was, it makes no sense to me that you then say that you didn't receive the value for your money. And had she not taken any action, had she been consistent and not done anything in the union, then I think it's a different situation. I don't think that situation is in existence here. I think that