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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have to see if my copy is here so, in case I'm not seeing it, would you read what that one is?

CLERK: It's the amendment, Senator, strike and show as stricken "Business and Labor" and...and "Nebraska's..."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Retirement System?

CLERK: ...Retirement Systems 6 members" and insert "Business, Labor and Nebraska Retirement Systems 9 members".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members of the Legislature, what I'm doing here and, Senator Stuhr, oh, I see you're with us, this would wipe out the Retirement...the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee, because they're not a Standing Committee anyway. That doesn't necessarily mean, Senator Smith, they're a sit-down committee. It just means that they come together whenever the Chairperson feels that it's necessary. That being the case, not enough work to have a Standing Committee, then we can streamline and we would get rid of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. In other words, I want some other oxen to be gored here this afternoon to see how it feels, and we would make the Business and Labor Committee expand its reach, and it would become the Business, Labor and Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. Retirement material is not too far afield from what Business and Labor Committee members would deal with and what they can learn to deal with, so I want these kind of combinations to be considered. There is a less, thank you, a lesser justification for abolishing the Ag Committee than for doing away with some of these others, but you don't want to do away with the General Affairs Committee. That doesn't have anything to do with the economy of this state. That's like it says, it has to do with affairs. This amendment that I'm offering does not do away with anything that is essential to the point where it has to be dealt with by a specific committee, even though Retirement Systems, that phrase, is modified by Nebraska, suggesting that the committee deals with retirement systems within the state of Nebraska. If they