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Research, and Revisor of Statutes, et cetera, et cetera. It says that they, notwithstanding any other provision of law, contract to obtain legal, auditing, accounting, actuarial, or other professional services or advice for or on behalf of the Executive Board, the Legislative Council, the Legislature, or any member of the Legislature. Or, it says that by October 31, 2001, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall submit to the Exec Board a report on the design of a separate retirement system for employees. That was something that was added fairly recently. Nowhere in this does it mention that the Exec Board hears bills. It's more...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...like the body that's supposed to see that this body runs effectively, and that it takes care of problems that occur; that it envisions problems that might occur; that, for instance, it envisions what's going to happen here in two years, and how do we adjust everything to that eventuality and to the further eventuality that in 2008 only a very few, just a handful of us, will still be here. I think those are the kinds of things that the Executive Board does. But if it's broader than that, then we ought to think about it more and decide some of the questions that I think Senator Brown raised so effectively. With that, Mr. President, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I was the member of the Rules Committee that did stand in support of Senator Schimek's amendment. I did this because I felt that it was important that we have the discussion. I agree with some of the previous speakers that...it was my concern that we are seeing a pattern, that particularly since about the 1990s, early nineties, of seeing more bills being referred to the Executive Board. I, too, looked at the statute and agree with Senator Schimek that it does look at the internal beings of the Legislature; that it is not a standing committee. Standing committees are where the bills primarily are referred to. There is a notice given to the public, and I don't believe that that