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reason, again, is because the Omaha teachers and the state teachers, even though they're all teaching Nebraska kids, they do have a separate retirement system. That is the amendment. Again, it's LB 732. It is being held in the committee. I don't...I don't think that after the bill was introduced we ever made a motion to advance it. There was never a motion to kill it. We simply hadn't taken any action. I bring this for your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Open for discussion on the Bourne amendment, AM2350. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. We have not discussed this amendment in the committee. We are planning to have an Exec Session. Senator Bourne did not express an interest that he was going to place this amendment on this bill, and I do stand in opposition of this amendment at this time. We do know that OPS does have a different retirement system than the other teachers across the state. There are a number of factors that enter in here. Their rate of contribution is less than what the state teachers do pay, and I'm just asking that we oppose this amendment at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I was...I am remiss in that I did not discuss this with Senator Stuhr prior to bringing this amendment, and for that I apologize. I wish I had visited with her about that. The Retirement Committee did have an Executive Session on, I believe it was, Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. I did not attend that Executive Session, I had another obligation and...but I did ask that that bill be held in committee and it was. Now, again, I didn't attend the Exec Session so I don't know if the bill was discussed, but I will tell you that I specifically said please hold onto that bill because I did not want it to be killed. What I am asking for here is that we simply continue 60 years of tradition and, for whatever reason, the Omaha school employees, the teachers, have a separate retirement system, but nobody can deny that these teachers, regardless of whether they're in the