

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I would have to say that I agree with the amendment the way it is written now and I don't think that we should necessarily have them take a leave of absence at the time they file for the office or campaign for it. Although if you would like to propose an amendment possibly on Select File or something, we could certainly...you know, I would talk to you before that. At this quick juncture here, I would say that I don't think that that would be necessarily a wise thing to do.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Kilgarin.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin, do you wish to speak on the amendment? Very well. Is there further discussion on the committee amendment? If not, we are voting on the committee amendment to this bill, LB 15. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes and 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The amendment is adopted and the Chair recognizes Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, this is kind of an interesting story about this bill, last summer I went to speak to a group of retired Omaha public power district employees and we got to talking about some various things and they brought up the point that they found out that there is a provision in our current statutes that restricted them from running for the Board of Directors of the Omaha Public Power District because they had worked there, because they were retired employees. And I kind of got interested in this and went back and did some research and found out that back in 1963 LB 229 was introduced and was passed and LB 229 essentially said that retired employees and employees of public power districts were not allowed to run for the Board of Directors, the OPPD Board, for example, and there was no...I researched all of the testimony and the record on that...and there was no real reason given except that through talking to some people who had been there back then apparently there was a particular individual out in a part of this state that had worked for a public power district, was contemplating running for the Board of Directors, and the present Board of Directors or a Director on the present Board did not want him to run against him, and so they came in with this bill and did