

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. Apparently the Chair didn't recognize whoever you were trying to recognize. AM2098, I am going to withdraw it. I just want to explain what...some of what's going on. We've been working with some other senators, Senator Wickersham and some others, on trying to get at least what the core issues are before the body and that's why some of these amendments have been withdrawn. That amendment, I think, is still up in bill drafters but I think when we get probably down to the last of these amendments we'll start talking about that. It will allow, I think, the body to make a couple of decisions on what they think is...what the body thinks is the...is the best policy for the state and then kind of move on from there. With that, I would ask that 2098 be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Withem and Lindsay, 2103. (See page 2075 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I would withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Withem, Lindsay, Beutler, 2108. (See page 2076 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Take that up, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Members of the body, this amendment you will find on page 2076 in the Journal. What it does is it appropriates \$25,000 of General Fund money to the Nebraska Bar Association to conduct a study on judicial resources. It's written in somewhat of an absurd fashion. I think people have read this. Some people might have been offended by it, others said they thought there was good humor in it. Maybe this is as good an amendment as any to begin the discussion because this has been a very absurd process of dealing with this particular piece of legislation and it has brought home a very strong message to me in regards to what happens when people on the floor of this Legislature try to take a stand that we need to