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SENATOR BURBACH: I'd answer the question of Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, these amendments are in concurrence with those people who had accepted the responsibility of drafting those bills, are they not? Or are they? Are they controversial? That's what I'm trying to find out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It depends on a person's point of view whether they are controversial. I'm not trying to be coy. Some of them may be and maybe none of them are. Like, I was trying to think of an example. Can anybody who's on the committee help me? Do you know of any amendments which might be controversial?

SENATOR STULL: I think perhaps the one that might be controversial would be in counties that have election commissioners. In the past the Governor has appointed that election commissioner and I think there's an amendment in the one bill and it doesn't affect Douglas or Lancaster County but the county commissioners would appoint the election commissioner. Now that would be the only--well, any county that would go to an election commissioner. Other than the counties, most of the larger counties already have election commissioners, so I wouldn't think that it would be too controversial. The counties do pay the election commissioner and the commissioners feel that they should do the appointing.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Keyes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Chambers, do you yield to a question?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Chambers, it seems that in the one county, Sarpy County, the election commissioners are, the election commissioner is going to be appointed by the county commissioner?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Keyes, these are the Secretary of State's bills. There are 14 of them, 13 that we will consider if we take them as a package because 551 has not been acted on by the committee yet. I cannot answer the various questions in all of these bills, whoever is conversant with 56.2 I would ask to answer that question. Any member of the committee?

SENATOR KEYES: Does anybody know whether they are trying to make it so that the county commissioners are the ones that appoint the election commissioner in Sarpy County?

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Fowler can you help?

SENATOR FOWLER: As I understand it, Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy Counties which have in the past had the Governor appoint the election commissioner, that stays the same.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: These bills can't possibly be taken up until tomorrow and in the meantime, the Senator can find that thing out. He's got three bills ahead of this, 267 310 and 263 will take at least the rest of the hour, I think I can assure the body of that. You've got plenty of time to look at what the questions you want to have answered and I'd suggest you go to Mr. Beerman, he can answer them.