

law enforcement, criminal justice continuation with a notation that the agency will assist developing criminals justice information system which adds two full time equivalent people. Page 44 Nebraska Commission on Drugs, the agency request plus based upon the plan which was finally submitted to the committee the Hall of Fame Commission continuation budget and the department of environmental control adjusted budget based upon current work loads and there is qualifying language on line 16-27 on page 45 and lines 1-4 on page 46 public employees retirement board continuation plus equipment upgrading and computerizing teacher retirement, top of page 47 the bi-centennial commission continuation. Mr. President the rest of the language in the bill is explanatory and...

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis, do you have a question?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: First of all Senator Marvel in regards to the public employees retirement fund, we have had a number of problems in doing the things that are necessary in implementing some of the bills that we have passed that are highly complicated and technical in providing services of for retired people. I speak specifically of LB445, Mr. Steinmiller does an excellent job in that program and he is understaffed, he is to the point now where he has 25% of those that are entitled to benefits that they are receiving the checks. Still there is less than half that have or more than half that have not. He is operating with one staff assistant in this area plus himself, Senator Carstens and I discussed this a few moments ago and first I asked the question, has there been some consideration for upgrading the at a...a...that staff so that they can be more effective and move with a great deal of more haste.

SENATOR MARVEL: Are you asking me a question?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, I hope so. The question is was there consideration for increasing the staff of the retirement system, because of their increased work load?

SENATOR MARVEL: We gave them just what they asked for Senator Lewis, which included equipment for upgrading and computerizing teacher retirement programs which I think that you referred to. There request for staff plus this new equipment which should ease some of the problems that you are talking about are all incorporated in this budget but generally to answer your question we gave them just what they asked for.

SENATOR LEWIS: Maybe they are like some of the people wanted to do for the Governor. I agreed with that, and maybe we need to help him out for his a staff. Certainly that process is very slow and I know a number of you received calls and informational question like I have and Senator Carstens has and I'll hold on this again but this may be one possible amendment we may want to put on on General File, or Select file.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark, do you have a comment.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to ask Senator Lewis, he is referring to (inaudible) for this additional amount of money but they haven't received it yet. I checked on that yesterday completely and they have all received it by the end of the month. It is highly complex and because it is highly complex it has taken a tremendous amount of time to do it but they have gotten it done now and those people who