

preparing his budget, there is only a 6.7% increase in the cost of living, but the reports that came out in January have indicated that 8.8% for the average person, in the United States, now that does not necessarily mean that the average person in Nebraska. Nebraska could be lower than that. AT any rate this is a substantial increase just recently over what was anticipated when the budgets were made out, and in my judgment we should increase the rates of pay to the state employees of Nebraska. This particular amendment pertains to the regular employees because this particular appropriation bill is for that. It does not include yet, the consideration of what would happen to the University of Nebraska and the state colleges.

PRESIDENT: Now is it the Chair's understanding Senator Whitney that you are withdrawing your motion for now.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now I ask unanimous consent to withdraw this motion. Temporarily.

PRESIDENT: Alright are tere ...we ah...we haven't voted on it so that is permissible for him to withdraw it. Now Senator Frank Lewis for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I would like to speak on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The retirement committee in good conscience should...which is Chaired by Senator Whitney spend one lunch hour considering this particular bill and in an hour and a half of time which was a little tough last week.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, the Chair is going to remind you that you can't use a point of personal privilege to discuss a matter that is before the body or one of the bills.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Its not a bill. Procedural, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Well thats not. That would be dishonest.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That would be dishonest, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. That was nice of you. Chair will now call up LB327, for General File consideration.

CLERK: Read LB327

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I have an amendment on the desk there, that the Clerk, on the Clerk's desk which I wish to substitute in place of the committee amendment. It is a further refinement of the committee amendment and the major change from the committee amendment that a transfer of the responsibility of the consumer protection division into the Attorney General's office rather than into the department of labor, or rather than the department of labor as the committee amendment did. That is basically the only change from the committee amendments. I have passed out new copies of this proposed amendment to all members of the legislature and yesterday I had a Page go around and made sure that you had a copy of this amendment. I would like to make this substitution, and I have a motion up on the desk with the amendment.