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had a lot of experience in my four years on budget and in the situation that is not unlike performance auditing. I think that in essence that this is the kind of the thing that the budget committee does with its staff, it is not that much different, I think that my experience in this area makes me more than qualified to initiate some performance auditing in the state, unlike my opponent who when the bill was passed allowing performance auditing suggest that he wouldn't know how to go about instituting it that he would have to call on either the legislative staff or the Governor's staff to help institute these procedures. I think that I understand what performance auditing is and I think that I could institute these procedures.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If you background on the budget committee is any of the criteria that makes you qualified, God help the state. Now let me make one further statement. I know that this is a matter of fact, it is a matter of record. The State Auditor now that this bill does nothing in order to correct what the Attorney General of this state said in an opinion that this should not be allowed to exist. By the thing that I am concerned about that whoever the state auditor is he might dilute the funds that we give him for a specific purpose because in this bill would give them the discretion to do what he wants to in the area in which he may be so inclined. Now the DS in my judgment are doing things that are completely unacceptable, illegal, and should not be done. He is aided and abetted by the State Treasurer who doesn't happen to have enough courage to not sign the warrant when he knows what he is signing is completely illegal, and against the law as outlined by the Attorney General of this state. Now what we need and not so many people to a...a...the blind leading the blind, some people who have some area of understanding. You can't supervise, then generally speaking unless you know as much as those you are supervising. Now I don't say this detrimental to you Senator Stahmer, I'm now only saying that we ought to let them do what they are doing now without giving anyone the opportunity to dilute and divert the funds that we have now given for some other purpose. If you want to go in and audit the city of Omaha or the city a...a.. Douglas County, I think that they need to be audited. I think that you would find a lot of things that would even shock your imagination. But we are not talking about that because we don't have enough money, we don't have enough desire and we don't have enough people who want to do it. This thing that now goes on in the state of Nebraska without any auditing of any funds in the area of what you are talking about in the city level, we don't even do it on the state level and we will never give you or anyone else enough money to do it. Because, we don't want to then do it.

PRESIDENT: Motion is still just to return the bill to Select file for specific amendment. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well again Senator Carpenter, if I could respond, I think that you voted along with me for the bill that allows performance auditing by the state and I know that you are interested in annual fiscal audits of certain large agencies, and I agree with you. I asked our fiscal staff, do we have enough money to do this and they said that we have more than enough in the amount