

in addition to that. But I truly think that is the bottom line. I'm sorry to say that, Ernie, but that is the way I feel. If we allow the Executive Board, because they don't like a bill, to send bills over to different committees, after precedent time and again has been to send them to another committee, then where does it stop really? What different bills, in committees now, that have been issues before in those committees might be sent elsewhere? The Miscellaneous Subjects Committee deals with video lotteries. That is an issue that has been there before. But it could be a revenue issue. So why couldn't that go over to Revenue Committee? The question of state aid to education has been in the Education Committee, but it also deals with appropriations. Why not send it over to Appropriations Committee? You've got other types of issues like that, water rights issues that are in Public Works Committee with Senator Schmit. That is a legal issue, water rights, why shouldn't that go to the Judiciary Committee? You go down the line and you start to realize that you can send bills anywhere you want to send them on whatever pretense you want to send them. So you have to get back to the question of tradition, of subject matter per committee and you have to look at how we've handled those issues in the past. My feeling is this issue has gone to Public Health. We've dealt with it fairly. We've done a reasonable job with the issues. It is not a point at which to change that practice. I know we are looking at committees and subject matters and we might have some big changes in the wind. I don't mind that. I don't mind change, but do it in a way that makes some systematic sense and not just decide at the last second, after a bill has been introduced, that this change is going to occur. Senator Hannibal pointed out to me, if you look in your bill book, LB 130 is listed on the front of the bill as being referred to Public Health Committee. It has been written and drafted and introduced and then printed as a Public Health and Welfare Committee bill because that precedent has been there. I was surprised by that since I thought it had been to Judiciary and that is when they printed it, but evidently everybody assumed it was going to Public Health Committee. Jack Rodgers' recommendation was that way. The bill was printed that way. Until the very last minute, in the Exec Board, that was the way it was going to go. So I ask you please to reconsider the action of the Exec Board, to vote for this motion to rerefer and send the bill back to the committee that has had it in the past and should have it in the future.