

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins. After this I have no other lights so will ask Senator Wesely to close. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm looking at Senator Wesely's handout which more or less shows a tradition of various parts of the anatomy, whenever we refer to donating them to medical science, etc., being referred to Public Health and Welfare Committee. The Judiciary Committee, I think, you could probably take 90 percent of the bills that are introduced and say this deals with a human right, this is going to affect the rights of some Nebraskan. I think what I'm hearing from my good colleague, Senator Chambers, is the Judiciary Committee should really be the one to decide where the bills go because, after all, every bill is...Ernie, I just saw you put your light on again. Now, darn it, you've been up twice. But anyway, if the Judiciary Committee feels that when we are getting into people's rights, there is just...about every bill that comes up is in some way, shape or form going to affect the rights of the people of Nebraska. So why should we break a tradition so that a committee that has, what, three, four lawyers on it in their omniscience, would decide what bill should go to the floor and what bills should be held in committee? That is the feeling I get. Now the Executive Board, they say, referred the bill to the Judiciary Committee. Senator Chambers is on the Executive Board. I'm sure that in his heart of hearts he believes this is a bill that should go to his committee. But in my heart of hearts, which I intend to keep, Senator Chambers, until the day I die, I may donate it at the last minute, I believe that previous Executive Boards have set a tradition and a meaningful way of determining where the bill should go. I think this is kind of like the old game we played on Commonwealth. Remember when the Legislature debated whether or not interstate banking should go to the Banking Committee. Those senators, on one side, stood up and said, well, okay, we'll let the Banking Committee have this bill on one condition, they guarantee they won't kill it. Now what kind of a committee reference was that? I'm wondering if you'd buy the idea, today, okay, we'll let this bill go to Judiciary, but they've got to guarantee us, Senator Chambers, Senator Hoagland and Senator Abboud and the attorneys on that committee aren't going to kill it. Now we've come full circle to find out how silly that idea was