

SENATOR HIGGINS: I don't know what the special qualifications are of the Auditor or the Treasurer to be a risk manager. I know what a risk manager does in the insurance business, but is there any reason why, and I would be amenable to this, add two more people to the board and not let them be any kind of an elected official, a lay person, but one with expertise, and let them be chosen by the Legislature, not a board, not the Executive Board, anybody, a vote of the Legislature. They can apply for the job, we can have a few people chosen to be on the committee, if it is so important that we put two more people on this board. What would you think of that?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, if you'd care to offer an amendment. I don't know that the State Treasurer and the State Auditor are the person that should be on the board. I am merely saying that we should have people other than those who are appointed by the Governor to provide balance. Now I chose those two just arbitrarily because they were on the board previous to the change and I certainly support the notion that we need professional people such as the Director of Insurance, DAS Director and people of that category to be on the board.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: But I would have no objection to any amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. Thank you, Senator. That reminds me of an editorial that our famous World Herald wrote one day. They said when we had a Democrat running against a Republican for Congress or U.S. Senate, they said, we've got to get a Republican in there because we need balance in government, we need balance in government. I guess it must have been on Zorinsky or Exon.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But the funniest thing about it is, every elected constitutional member of the State of Nebraska was a Republican and the World Herald came out that same year and gave a blanket endorsement of all the elected constitutional officers who were Republicans. That is their idea of balance and I think I am hearing the World Herald's editorial all over again. As long as we have the majority