

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I guess I rise also in support of the ruling of the Chair, perhaps for another reason. LB 713 that we are discussing today or any other miscellaneous claim, in my opinion, is not an appropriations bill, certainly within the meaning or the contemplation of the rule that we are considering today. Obviously, if it were, this bill and other miscellaneous claims bills in general would be then referenced to the Appropriations Committee which certainly was not the case. Because we have different policy questions at issue, miscellaneous claims are referred not to the Appropriations Committee but to another committee and that committee happens to be the Business and Labor Committee where it was referenced. I say again that I don't believe it is an appropriations bill certainly also because the Reference Committee, Senator Beutler is Chairman of the Reference Committee, I happen to be a member of that committee as well, and apparently both of us agreed when this bill was referenced that it was not an appropriations bill but appropriately was referred to the Business and Labor Committee as a miscellaneous claim against the State of Nebraska. So for that reason, I feel that the Chair was correct in its ruling that this doesn't apply to 713. I would, therefore, ask the body to sustain the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, do you wish to speak on the point?

SENATOR LABEDZ: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, do you wish to speak on the point of order?

SENATOR WITHEM: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President, excuse me. I would just reiterate everything that Senator Vard Johnson has already said and what Senator Barrett has said. Everybody in this body has always had the greatest of respect for Senator Warner and I must confess that sometimes when Senator Warner gets up and answers a question and I don't know which way to vote, I always figure, well, Senator