

maintenance, there is really no concern about political party membership. The third portion of the amendment provides for the emergency clause. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, did you want to talk about the committee amendments? Senator Higgins, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Schmit, are the committee amendments saying that you can add another member to this commission?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, there are presently three members, Senator Higgins, and you can add up to five.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you know if they are paid anything for serving on this commission?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think you would have to ask Senator Hartnett. He could answer that question.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I don't think...I think just their expenses. There is...this bridge bill affects two bridges in the State of Nebraska. That is the Bellevue bridge that runs from Bellevue to Iowa and the Decatur bridge that runs from Decatur, Nebraska to Iowa and it doesn't...the only thing they are paid is expenses, and so forth. And the purpose of...the bill was brought by the City Council of Bellevue and the Mayor, is to simply give more flexibility. The bridge is starting to make a little bit of money and they want to get a little more expertise on the board. But the way the law is written now, there only can be three members and they simply want to expand to a fourth and fifth member, is all. So that is really...(interruption).

SENATOR HIGGINS: But you don't know how much those members are paid.

SENATOR HARTNETT: They are not paid. They are only paid their expenses. It is just used...

SENATOR HIGGINS: They are paid their expenses?