

through which we make the assignment of those who sit on that special committee. And the reason that I have done that is that the Executive Board via the statutes of Nebraska have the authority to set up special committees and give those special committees the immunity and the tools that they may need to request information that may not be readily available otherwise. I know there has been some concern and discussion relative to the Executive Board being stacked. I am not requesting that the Executive Board be the committee, but they simply appoint and we can go through our normal processes of agreeing or disagreeing with who they assign to that particular committee. But I think in terms of a task force, I don't think we need any lay people on here. I think what we need to do is have legislators sit down and ask for the facts and get them all on the table and see where we are in that regard. I believe that the lay people at this point, basically, are as committee members, not that they shouldn't testify, but as committee members, basically, we are back to the emotional argument and I have heard the emotional arguments since about 1979 in terms of what that argument was. But I think in order for us to do our jobs, to make recommendations, and maybe we won't have any recommendations by March 14th, and at that point I would highly recommend that we go into a long term study and continue to perceive the entire concept. But at this point I think if there are any salient points that can be brought forth in the next 26 days so that we can react, I would like to see that opportunity be there. So, with that, I will urge the body to accept this resolution and request the Executive Board to appoint a special committee and start working on this project.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Conway. The Chair would like to announce briefly that Senator Jerry Miller has a guest under the south balcony, Mr. Jim Voigt of Davenport, Nebraska. Thank you for coming in, and welcome to the Legislature. Amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to amend the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis. (Senator Landis's amendment appears on page 681 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LANDIS: Members of the Legislature, I offer an amendment which strikes the provisions of the Conway