

ought to be gathering the facts from those people who collect facts. We have a concern and questions on the factual situation relative to the Attorney General, to the Secretary of State, the head of the Agricultural Department, I think DED. We have certain skillful entities within the University system that could be called in front of the committee. It is really not a situation of opinion but I think that where our shortcoming is on this issue is fact and I think, without question, the Executive Board can give that authority. It is delineated in statutes and can, within this very short time frame, actually at least have that much information. If those people do not bring forth factual information that is usable to restructure the system, well, then I would go along with Senator Landis's pursuits and let's document a few more thousand pages of emotion and a few facts I am sure will also come along with that technique, but right now I think I am more starved for information, trying to make important decisions relative to the future of Nebraska's economy, the agricultural economy and literally everything that is infiltrating this entire body from appropriations on through public policy, to the point where let's see what is already available. Let's see what can be put on the table in one big pile and try to sort those out in the next 26 days or so and see where we are. And then we can turn around, and if, in fact, we cannot bring that to fruition, we can then turn around and work on a task force approach and then follow through like we have done admirably on many other issues. But I think I feel that I am at a point of a crisis relative to information when I see contradictory facts coming from various departments and information relative to this issue. Let's see what has already been garnered and put it on the table and see where we are and then make a decision as to whether or not to redraft something to put on the ballot or to turn it over to a task force and dig a little deeper and see where we are.

PRESIDENT: Can we have a little more order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) A little more order. All right, on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak? The Pappas amendment to the Landis amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, Mr. President, I just wanted to say it doesn't look like we are going to get to this, so in case we don't get to a vote today, which looks unlikely, we will continue it in the morning.