

it over to a minigovernment as we have with Games and Parks, with Natural Resource Districts, with ESUs, and a thousand other things.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR DECAMP: Government in Nebraska is different than most other states, and before we make the final decision on this, I would just say it is an important decision, it is an important direction to decide, and think about it before you do it one way or the other.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I understand we have another amendment to committee amendments.,

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pappas would move to amend the committee amendments. (Read Pappas amendment found on page 1474 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, the reason I am asking the body to adopt this, the present language reads they are supposed to give the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. Well, what we are talking about is the entire tourism program packages, the state, and we just went through kind of a messy one a couple of months ago, and in this type of deal, you are talking about creativity, and not always is the lowest the best because you are looking at different criteria and different programs. And I think if we leave the word "lowest" in there, the commission and the director might interpret that as the lowest, even though responsible is behind it, and I think for the good of the tourism industry in the State of Nebraska, that is one word we should strike and just put "most" in.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Does anyone wish to discuss the Pappas...Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as Chairman of the Government Committee, I have seen many, many times the competitive bidding statutes of this state, that which we give counties, that which we give school districts, those which we give cities. The phrase "lowest responsible bidder" is a common usage throughout this state and it is meant to give two directions, first, that you look for