

Hannibal in the north balcony. We have 60 sixth graders from Sarah Joslyn in Omaha, accompanied by their teachers. Will you stand and be recognized. Senator Labedz, do you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I'll call the question.

SENATOR REMMERS: We haven't had any debate. I don't think we...okay. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the issue of moving the liquor inspectors over...under the jurisdiction of the patrol, Senator Morehead has outlined to you a number of the issues that you need to consider. As you probably all are aware there was some publicity at least to this issue beginning in December, as I recall. Included in the Governor's budget was indirectly, because of some change in cash funds, which was the only way he could address the issue at the time, would have indicated that this group of inspectors would be transferred under the jurisdiction of the patrol. As the issue was presented to us subsequently, later on during the course of hearings, the issue was in fact to move the positions but not the people, not the actual inspectors, the 12 positions. There was a couple of concerns. It was not unusual for us to shift a function from one agency to another. For example, last year, two years ago all of the individuals who were employed in the Department of Roads, in the scale section, were transferred to the jurisdiction of the patrol, and the funding for those carried with them. In this case the proposal was not the same, and the reason it was not the same is it was indicated while each of those 12 inspectors would be eligible to apply in the patrol, the odds were that all of them would not meet the requirements that a patrolman must meet in order to become a member of the patrol, and it might be a variety of things, age was one of them. So the committee, in discussing the broad policy of whether or not the shift could be made, and Senator Morehead is quite correct, it would be an exception rather than the rule for the inspectors to be a part of the patrol or law enforcement when compared to other states. But the final decision as a policy matter, I think, turned on the two things that she mentioned. In no instance was the allegation ever made that what was being done was wrong, or was ineffective, or was not being conducted properly, but rather was a better way in which, as a matter of policy, it should be...could be