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PRESIDENT: Are there motions on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: Read motion. LB 65

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This is a bill which was killed in a committee by unanimous vote. I have no desire to prolong the discussion. The only thing I have in mind that I think is important enough that this body ought to, by record vote, take official position in the area of tenure. I want to read what the constitution says, ordinarily that's the prevailing method by which we operate this body which the people of the State of Nebraska are governed. It says that general governor of the University of Nebraska, under the direction of the Legislature they'll be invested in a Board of Regents and their duties and powers shall be subscribed by law. The only people that can pass laws that I know of are the legislators themselves. Now everyone, I presume, to some extent knows what tenure is, it's one of those areas in which the professors and those (inaudible) are able to embed them into the economy of any university, on a nationwide scale to the point that it's very unlikely and quite unusual that they can be removed for any cause whatsoever. All this bill does, the only new matter in the bill is this and it only applies to tenure. It says when such a tenure plan is approved by the Legislature it only means that any plan of tenure that the University would adopt, it would have to send to this body for our approval. Now if you want to advocate your responsibility, which I think is this under the Constitution, you want to vote no, not to raise the bill. If you feel this body has the responsibility at least to look at any bill of tenure to either adjust it or accept it or inquire about it, I think you would vote yes to raise the bill for your consideration.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? Chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature would Senator Carpenter yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator yield?

SENATOR SNYDER: Senator, am I correct in understanding that the tenure is

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