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PRESIDENT: Move to consideration of bills on General File. LB52.

CLERK: Read title. LB 52

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President I'm quite concerned about the broad application of the limitations which the investment board can now invest the money of the people of this state in the various categories that it may now or in the future exist. If we go into the record for example, as I have, as I recall the Board of the Educational Lands and Buildings has been as good insofar as the net return is concerned as that of the net return of the Investment Board. As long as this is in a state of (inaudible) until we attempt to consider whether or not we want to divide the responsibility of the Investment Board into that of the banks and insurance companies, in order that they may receive another fee in addition to that of the salary of the man who heads the Board as well as the committee itself. It doesn't seem to me to be wise to expand the lending authority unless the State Board of Lands desires to do so. What this amendment would do would permit the State Land and Board if they wanted to, to delegate that responsibility to the Investment Board or if they didn't to keep on making investments as in their judgment they have been doing in the past. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: It's been moved that the amendment be adopted. Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I think we ought to take action on the motion first and then speak on the bill as a whole.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, do you want to talk on the amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature I oppose Senator Carpenter's amendment. This Legislature by the vote of 35 men and women, whoever voted in favor of offering an amendment to the Constitution, amendment #11 and the people of Nebraska voted to require the Legislature (End of belt #2) to decide how this money should be invested. And in the amendment it deleted the Board of Educational Land and Funds. This gave the impression to the people that we were going to take this money away from the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and give it to the Investment Officer and since the people in Amendment #11 have voted in favor of this overwhelmingly in my judgment, then we should accept what the people have recommended and actually do what was intended by this Legislature when we originally offered this amendment to the people. Now with reference to how much returns the Board of Educational