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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK. Senator Lewis didn't spend two years sitting behind Terry Carpenter for nothing and he learned the tricks, and the trick is to move the bill across just as fast as you can. Those of you who have been here witnessed Terry do that a hundred times. Just move it across Select File and then we will worry about it. Lets get this thing to Final Reading and we will bracket it there until the whole thing gets cleared up. And the bill passed at the next earliest parliamentary opportunity. Old Frankie is a good listener and a good learner. That is the name of the game here. There is no great urgency, if you are going to bracket it, if you are sincere Senator Lewis, bracket it hold it up on Final Reading and there is no great urgency to get it off Select File except that if you put it to Final REading you have got to bring it back. You, can't debate on Final REading and those are the two things that Senator Lewis and Senator Koch want no more of on this bill. Senator Lewis and Senator Koch are for passing this bill regardless, regardless of the consequences, regardless of what it costs in terms of tax increases. Now the rest of you who are sincere about state aid recognize that it is a economic problem, that we have got to pay for it. If we can afford it we will vote for it, but if we can't afford it we won't vote for it. It is as simple as that and right now we don't know. We want it on Select File so that when the funding measures come, when the tax bills come we will have it on Select File so that we can debate it and talk about it in a reasonable context. We can talk about spending and we can talk about taxing and that is the way we ought to legislate. We ought to know when we are spending a dollar where it is coming from and who is going to pay for it. Senator Lewis and Senator Koch don't give a damn where it comes from this time. They are for state aid. They are for spending the 15 million. They will take any tax consequence that comes. Some of the rest of us aren't that frivolous.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOCH: A question of you.

PRESIDENT: A question of the Chair?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: You mean a question of procedure, ruling or...

SENATOR KOCH: I would like to ask Senator Cavanaugh a question, and I realize that...

PRESIDENT: Does it...

SENATOR KOCH: He was closing and I suspect...

PRESIDENT: Yes he was closing, but is it a matter of...do you need the answer to know whether you are going to bracket this or not? Or is it for further argument? If it is for further argument, no dice.

SENATOR KOCH: I would be less than candid if I said that it were.