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SENATOR WARNER: Right.

SENATOR BARNETT: A committee appointed to develop a code of ethics for legislative counsel employees. I assume that meant the Legislature and everybody. This resolution was adopted and turned over to the Executive Board Personnel Study Committee. My question is to you, will we need that if we adopt this resolution or shouldn't we take and study this at the same time and bring it in here next year after some time in looking at it? The most that's going to do for anybody in this body would be to give them one year of tickets. I don't know how much that would warp their minds but it would . . . wouldn't it be just as good to study this during the interim, come back with it next year after it was thought through and who we should include? I would like to see the press included that they have to buy their own tickets. I'm a scout for the Big Red football team so I feel I should be allowed a ticket or two if the press is going to promote this state and the football team. I think all the Senators down here are scouts and they should be allowed to receive the football tickets as they are promoting the Big Red football team. Would you disagree with the fact that we shelve this resolution and study it as you have suggested under LR 59?

SENATOR WARNER: As I understand your suggestion, why it's a practical aspect I suppose. I don't know if any change would be made this year in any event. I assume things are . . . for next year are fairly far along. I do not . . . I'm not . . . as far as the athletic tickets are concerned. I have not asked that question. Let me respond this way, I would do it in part from what maybe expressing what I believe apparently is Senator Cavanaugh's and mine difference in the issue of the conduct of elected officials. As I understand Senator Cavanaugh he feels that those individuals who surround elected officials are the ones who should be fully interrogated and report. I feel that the elected official has the responsibility to conduct himself in such a way that there is no reason for reproach. Because of that, I did put in the suggestion for a study on the code of ethics. I would agree that this resolution is part and parcel of a code of ethics program. As I understand, Senator Cavanaugh is Chairman of that committee. I would certainly not object if the body wished to refer this resolution along with the other one and that a single policy could come forth that the Legislature could adopt early next session.

SENATOR BARNETT: May I continue, Mr. President, for just a minute?

PRESIDENT: Well if we continue on Frank Lewis' amendment, but I'm afraid you're discussing the resolution again. We must limit debate to the amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well if you rule that way then I'll wait.

CLERK: Mr. President, I think I have an amendment to the Lewis amendment which reads as follows: after the word "sold" . . . I assume this is the Frank Lewis amendment, right? OK. After the word "sold" insert "on the basis of a raffle in which every applicant for the tickets has an equal opportunity to purchase the tickets". Signed, Senator DeCamp.