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consent to withdraw LB 225.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? The Clerk advises that such a motion must lay over a day.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would move to kill LB 225.

PRESIDENT: All right. Any discussion. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 4 nays, 14 not voting. Mr. President, two new bills. LB 814 introduced by the Labor Committee and signed by Senators Maresh, Kime, Rumery, F. Lewis, and Fitzgerald. Read title. See page 258, Journal. LB 815 introduced by Senator Fitzgerald. Read title. See page 258, Journal. Mr. President, LB 310.

PRESIDENT: Proceed, Mr. Clerk, LB 310.

CLERK: LB 310 introduced by Senator Dworak. Read title. The bill was first considered on March 18th, 1975. At that time it was indefinitely postponed. The bill was resurrected again. There was an amendment by Senator Dworak found...which was adopted. The bill was considered January 8th, 1976 and it failed to advance at that time. There appears to be pending a motion by Senator Frank Lewis to strike lines 26 and 27 of page 2, strike lines 1 and 2 and the word "service" in line 3, page 3. Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: May I speak to that, Mr. Clerk. You are looking, questioning. I will explain it, even to lawyers. Mr. President, what this bill does, the argument has been between discounts and no discounts and revelation of discounts. What I simply suggested here, if there is really concern about it, is we just won't have any discounts. This, in essence, just outlaws discounting in abstracting and I have given Senator Dworak a simple solution to a very complex bill and I know he wants to do something about this and this is a way out for him. This is the 7th time on this horse, and I think if it doesn't make it this time, the weight handicap is going to be too much for him.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak, do you want to address yourself to the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, with friends like Senator Lewis, you don't need any enemies. I do not want to stop the practice of discounting to the client. If the abstractor feels that they want to give the client a discount, they should be able to do so. I think one of the arguments against the bill raised by Senator DeCamp last week was that it was a price fixing bill. I explained to Senator DeCamp and we met afterwards and he agreed that it was not a price fixing bill. I do not want to put a level of cost on the abstractor. Senator Lewis changes the intent...Senator Lewis' amendment changes the intent of the bill completely. I do not want to eliminate discounts,