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PRESIDENT: LB 797.

CLERK: Read title to LB 797. Now, Mr. President, there are Committee amendments by Senator Syas' Constitutional Revision Committee.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I think there's another Committee amendment up there, isn't there? There's another amendment up there?

CLERK: Well there's your personal amendment.

SENATOR SYAS: That's right. That's the one we want to talk about.

CLERK: Well, OK. Then you have to move to reject the Committee amendments first.

SENATOR SYAS: I move that we reject the Committee amendments due to the fact, Senators, that during the hearing and all through this various groups have told us that if we will be specific and right to the point on a Constitutional amendment that they will help us achieve our goal. Therefore, in the Committee amendments there was an error made in it. It left a loose end so I'd like to have you reject the Committee amendments. I've covered this with the Committee and will correct it in the amendment that he'll read to you that I signed.

I move we reject the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? If not the motion is to reject the Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Savage voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

PRESIDENT: Report the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on motion to reject.

PRESIDENT: The Committee amendments are rejected. Senator Syas.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, Senator Syas offers the following amendment: (Read Syas amendment found on page 1107 of the Journal).

SENATOR SYAS: I move the amendment be adopted. It's short and to the point. As I've said before, I think we have a good chance of the people understanding this. There's no tricks. This is what it is, every member of the Legislature, if the people vote favorably, will get it immediately when it passes. I think this is the way to do it. It had some loose ends. We've been unsuccessful in other methods. I think this.... I'm quite confident that we have a good chance this time of getting some increase.