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LB 553, 1027

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced and the Call of the House is raised. The Call of the House is raised. Now Senator Vard Johnson, did you wish to make a point? For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a motion on the desk to alter the Speaker's order. I am going to tell you what it is about. It is about what I call a certain thing known as fairness. LB 1027 is not my bill. It is Senator DeCamp's bill. It is the bill that is designed to deal with the offer made by the United Banks of Colorado for some of the assets of Commonwealth and this bill is not to be heard under the current Speaker's order. And in all candor, I could not...I could not live with myself, I could not live with myself if this body was to leave today without at least considering LB 1027 because the Commonwealth depositors look upon LB 1027 as a tool, not the exclusive tool, but a tool at least to deal with their situation and I would feel as though I, as the Chairman of the Committee and as a member of this body, had done a terrible disservice to those Commonwealth depositors if I did not take whatever steps were necessary to make certain that this body entertained today, the very last day on Select File, LB 1027. I will advance its cause. Others will oppose its cause. It may fail, but it should not fail because we have permitted the time to run out without considering the bill. For that reason, I have placed before you a motion to amend the Speaker's order so that LB 1027, a priority bill, could be heard before the next bill, a nonpriority bill. That seemed only fair, just and reasonable.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely...let's see, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Johnson's motion. You know, we may bring this bill up today but it will be late and if you will remember the last time we brought this bill up it was late in the evening and then, of course, it was laid over because there were not enough people here to effectively deal with it. So I really believe that this bill should be brought up now because as we get into the evening the people are going to drift away