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SPEAKER NICHOL: For the senators not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber promptly so we can begin or continue the debate started this morning. Please record your presence if you're here so we can begin. Members of the Legislature that are not in the Chambers, please return to the Chamber so we can begin this afternoon. As you know we are on Final Reading and we should really be here and be in our seats, so please return promptly so we can get going. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you tell us where we were before we left, Mr. Clerk, so we can start in again?

CLERK: Mr. President, we were of course considering LB 662. There had been motions to return offered by Senators Schmit and Vard Johnson. Those prevailed. Senator Scofield has then submitted a motion to refer the bill back to the Education Committee, Mr. President. That issue is now before the Legislature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, you were the first one to speak after the introduction of that bill. Excuse me just a minute. (Gavel.) This morning we paid close attention and the debate was good and I suggest that we proceed along those lines since we are coming into the part of the session where we must pay attention and work diligently to get done what we expect to get done. So I'd appreciate it if you would hold your conversation down a little bit. (Gavel.) Gentlemen in the center aisle, please hold your conversation down. We must pay a little more attention and be a little more respectful to those who are speaking. Those of you who have not returned to the session, please do so promptly so we can move on. Senator Vickers, thank you.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Scofield motion to send this bill back to the committee. Senator Scofield is attempting to get the best of both worlds. This is one of those issues that has been before this state for a long,