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LB 205, 207, 264, 286, 483, 530, 567, 581
729, 732, 762

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I would announce that while the Legislature is in session, capable of transacting business, I propose sign and do sign LB 286, LB 207, LB 205, LB 264, LB 762, LB 732, LB 729, LB 581, LB 567 and LB 483. Senator Hall, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. It's an improvement in that it does allow for the action to be taken without the need for the body to be in session, and that's really what it does. It puts in place what the practical effect would be for purposes of dealing with this type of situation. I would hope that with the adoption of this amendment, its passage into law, that we could have this issue resolved by the beginning of next session. And I wouldn't want to see it delayed because of the way in which I drafted this amendment, so I think it's much of an improvement and I would urge its support.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Let me give you the other side of the story, being the closest neighbor to Senator Chambers. He talks about how things have changed so great. Well, let me tell you, living next door to a certain office the odor that comes from that office from some of the cooking that's done by some of his staff, I think I'd take desks that fall over. And, Senator, you may have new furniture in there, I've just never seen it. (Laughter.) That furniture that you have could be antiques, it could be worth thousands of dollars, but the mountains of paper, refuse that...I mean it's unbelievable the amounts of things that are in that office. And you well could be the depository for many of those old pieces of furniture just because somebody couldn't find it. So I know that the furniture is nice and it matches, but when you can't see it matching really isn't too appropriate. The other thing that just amazes me is I always thought you had the actions of slowing things up rather than acting as a prune. And so your discussion with Larry Bare is quite enlightening. Maybe those wrinkles are there for a reason, I don't know. I do rise to support Senator Beutler's amendment. I think the body of the Legislature will be a lot more comfortable about allowing the Executive Board, who can sit and maybe take some of the hits and some of the more unfortunate things that may occur. There's going to be some...obviously