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SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Thank you, Senator Robinson. And I would like the two minutes. What Senator Robinson is pointing out is one of the technical or practical difficulties of this bill. There are certain safeguards that people would like to see put in it. One of those is to try to ensure that the applicant is telling the truth about his or her qualifications, and one of the ways to assist in arriving at that truth is to have these references. But what Senator Robinson correctly pointed out is if you look at the number of references which may be involved, it could become an impractical exercise.

SPEAKER WITHEM:      One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      But even beyond that, there is nothing in this bill which permits a person to substitute other references. Senator Brashear, if one of the references offered...one of the reference persons submitted, should die before being approached, is there an allowance in this bill for another reference person to be substituted?

SENATOR BRASHEAR:      Mr. Speaker, Senator Chambers. There's not a specific provision for substituting a reference, but there is no prohibition either.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      So, somebody probably could do that, based on the way the language of the law reads now, the amendment?

SENATOR BRASHEAR:      In order to facilitate the process, I would hope that the process would allow that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Okay, and my time's probably up. That two minutes. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM:      You have three seconds left. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak. Mr. Clerk, did you have some items for the record, though?

CLERK:      I do, Mr. President. Thank you. New A bill. Senator Crosby offers 340A. (Read by title for the first time.) New resolution by Senator Will. (Read brief summary of LR 103.) Amendments to be printed: (LB) 249 by Senator Will; Senator