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LB 401

getting awfully cagey around here. They're not going to talk to me while I attempt to amend the committee amendments. But while they're talking about my amendments to the committee amendments, I'm looking at LB 401. See, LB 401 not only contains new language, it contains old language. Unless LB...oh, yes, I see some of the changes in LB 401, the original one. Okay, so there's plenty to work with there. They don't think that I can stay here very long, but I think I'm going to have to show that I can. And the main thing I'm trying to do today is not let this bill go anywhere. I don't know how many votes they have to move it. The reason I am offering the types of amendments that I am is because they might be engaged in serious negotiation, whoever they are, trying to determine what they might do if they get the bill to Select File. But I think there's a person in the Executive Office who wants this bill moved. It will be an accomplishment, it will be a step in the right direction. If the bill comes to a vote, it probably will move, so I want to delay that as long as I can, and then I will vote against moving it. But unless there are others who feel the way that I do, it's a cinch that this bill will move this afternoon in the green copy form. Yet, nobody has said they support the bill in its present form. Even Senator Will who must be a cosponsor now said he likes the Maurstad amendment approach better than this green copy. It looks like...oh, and here's Senator Wickersham coming back to his old haunts. He used to live over here before he deserted us. But unless somebody else is concerned about the bill in the way that I am, it may move today if the Speaker decides to keep us here till midnight. But at midnight I will have done all that one man can do. Well, I guess we wouldn't have to stay till midnight. If we just started now, we'd have to stay till around that time. But for the duration of whatever time remains, I'm going to be here.

SPEAKER WILHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if there are people such as Senator Tyson and others, Senator Schellpeper over there...is Senator Schellpeper over there? No, he's not. If there are people such as Senator Jones over there who will give me some time, if there...Senator Tyson. Give me some time. Where's Senator Schellpeper? He spoke against this. Now you...I'll do the work, but give me some time. Senator Tyson, how about you?