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LR 17

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Withem would move to return the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, this is a motion filed for purposes of making a comment. LR 17CA is one of the measures that came from the Constitutional Revision Commission. Looking at its context...looking at its contents again it may be one of the least controversial of the measures before us. It, constitution currently says laws need to be maintained in book form and we're striking the word "in book form". The laws still need to be maintained. We're transferring one legislative article that was not in the legislative...an article dealing with the legislative powers and placing that in the legislative article where it belongs. And there's kind of an obsolete portion of the statute, of the constitution, that, frankly, is not even complied with and indicates that the official copy of the constitution will be maintained by the Secretary of State. And that is, that is being repealed. There's no controversy on any of these any place along the line. The purpose of filing the motion is you...in a busy session, we forget what we've done on previous levels of debate. I just wanted to remind you. The current contents of LR 17CA indicate that it'll be referred to the voters on a special election called May 12, 1998, which is also the primary election date. In order for it to pass in that form, it needs to have 40 votes. If it doesn't have the 40 votes, then we, by our rules, and this is a resolution so we can do these things by rule; by rule the special provision will be stripped and it will be referred to the voters in November. I would urge us to get the 40 votes. We wanted to get these kind of cleanup sort of constitutional amendments on to the primary election ballot. So when and if the Legislature provides those of more substance for the November election, there'll be...citizens won't be bombarded with a whole large glut of constitutional amendments. There are no other lights on, I would withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LR 17CA on Final Reading.)