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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate does not cease. I raise the call. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, new bills. (Read LB 1147-1162 by title for the first time. See pages 289-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, I also have a hearing notice from the Health and Human Services Committee and from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, signed by their respective chairs. And Senator Hilgert has selected LB 225 as his priority bill for the session. That's all that I have. (See pages 291-92 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Maurstad. Senator Maurstad, your light is next. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, now that the Speaker's not in the chair, I'm going to make some comments with reference to his role in this, because it is...it is crucial. Having been here the number of years that I have, I know what happens toward the end of the session, I know what happens during the session, and I know that Senator Bromm was upset about some things that Speaker Withem did last year because he came to me. Senator Bromm came to me and we stood under the balcony while I comforted him and assured him that the certain things that he was afraid the Speaker was going to do would not go unattended to if they happened. I'm going to start telling about things that go on on this floor and how you all come to me, and then you pull this kind of stuff. Senator Pedersen was punished the other day because he went the wrong way during an election, and you all want to talk about collegiality and order and uprightness, yet...Dwite Pedersen I'm talking about...that's what happens on this floor. But here is the point. The Speaker is going to be put in that position where he's going to have to accommodate everybody. It's already been said he wants to go to Congress, he wants to be the Governor. If he allows one person to get his or her way, he'd better let the other one, because when you don't get your way, everything goes, well, you favored him for political reasons;