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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to return LB 1107A to Select File for specific amendment, AM3367. (Legislative Journal page 1696.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, you are recognized to open on your motion to return LB 1107A to Select File.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do appreciate your indulgence here. I don't think this will take very long. This should not be a controversial proposal and, in fact, Senator Beutler earlier today was suggesting that we should be able to try to end our deliberations today on a positive note. I hope you would see this as a positive note. LB 1107A is an appropriations bill that does not need to be an appropriations bill. LB 1107 does not have a fiscal impact that we need to recognize in an A bill. So what we're proposing is, because we have the bill available, that we return it and amend into LB 1107A the contents of LB 1345. Now before you become alarmed, this was a bill that was heard in the Revenue Committee. It was advanced unanimously by the Revenue Committee. It concerns the exemption of Indian housing from taxation, and I think this is an issue, frankly, Mr. President, you've been involved in because you, at one time, advanced a bill, numbered LB 1082, and caused public housing authorities that developed Indian housing to be exempt. Last year, by inadvertence, we passed a bill that changed that. Senator Hartnett recognized that we had made an inadvertent error last session, brought the bill, LB 1345. It came to the Revenue Committee this year for correction. The correction is LB 1345 and I'd yield the rest of my time to Senator Hartnett, so that he can explain the nature of the problem we find for ourselves. And, again, I very much appreciate your indulgence in helping us this evening to solve this issue for Indian public housing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Hartnett, eight minutes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Eight minutes. Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, yes, it was Sen...at that time Senator Maurstad that had LB 1082 which was the...allowed the housing