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LB 97, LB 96

(Start Belt #7)

the Chair sees no objections, so unanimous consent to the motion is approved.

CLERK: Okay Mr. President, then we would need a motion to advance the bill to E&R for -

SENATOR BARNETT: I move that LB 197 now be advanced as amended to E&R engrossment.

SPEAKER: It has been moved and seconded that we advance, what bill is that -

CLERK: 197.

SPEAKER: 197, those in favor say aye, those opposed no. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have pending a motion to recon- no, a motion to place on general file a bill notwithstanding the action of the committee. Senator Simpson moved to place LB 96 on general file, the motion was made February 14th, notwithstanding the action of the committee.

SPEAKER: Ah, the time limit has not run out on Senator Simpson, so he has the floor.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I made this motion in the hopes that the total body would take a look at this bill and possibly raise it and put it on general file for consideration. The thing we are attempting to do in this bill and it's called an agency shop clause bill, is to allow a, an employee organization which represents the employees to enter into contracts with the employer that the people who do not choose to belong to that organization pay a service fee for the services rendered by that employee, or organization, they are under present federal law required to perform the services and they only ask that the people then would pay for such services as they are getting, and I'm speaking of negotiations for wages and all benefits for grievance procedure when there was to be a problem with their job or with their supervisor, so on that they must be handled by the organization and then they should pay.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature. I agree with what Senator Simpson is asking the body to do this morning. I feel this a very significant piece of legislation, and regardless what the vote might be on the floor, it should be brought out here and thoroughly discussed. I think that labor management relationship is going through a state of flux now, partly because of price and wage freezes, partly because of the increase in the cost of living and also because their unions which are being corrupted by management and becoming company unions. I think there are a lot of ramifications to this act and the only way to go into this matter properly is for the entire body to consider this bill. I think the labor committee with all due respect to the members on it, may have acted a bit in haste and hold it under some of the types of pressure that have been exerted on me, and I think all of us not only to kill the bill in the committee but to make sure that it is not resurrected on the floor. I believe this bill should be taken from the committee, it should be placed on general file, and ultimately I would like to see it passed. We should not allow leaching at any level, if a person is going to obtain the benefits of labor, then he should participate in the obtaining of those benefits and the small fee, by comparison of the service that will be received, could only be assessed if management and a majority of the workers in a certain location were