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SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to comment along the line that Senator Carpenter just spoke upon. I, too, have a bill that is lying on the Governor's desk right now in which he has some question about some of the wording. The bill was drafted recently, was introduced this session, and we rehashed it several times. It was heard before the Judiciary Committee and the language was changed. Now, the Governor has a question or two about it, and I just want to point out and readdress what Senator Carpenter has said that when this Executive Board meets today, if some of you fellows have complaints about the staff, that's the time to come there and back up those of us who insisted that we would have staff. We should have year around staff. These bills should be drafted, if possible, in June, July, and August, so that they can be thrashed around, run through the washing machine, the wringer, and everybody else who wants to have a look at it, and then when you get here in the spring, in January, the things are ready to go, and they are as clean as they can be made. But this business that is happening today to myself, to Senator Chambers, to everyone else, is unnecessary and uncalled for, and you have got to have the nerve to hire the staff and pay them well, keep them here, so that when the session begins in January a lot of this legislation has been drafted and properly drafted. I just wonder what's going to happen the first time that the press reports that we are going to have a year around staff and you get a half dozen letters from home and you are all going to head for the woodwork. Now, by golly, if you want staff, today is the time to show up and say so, and if you don't, then don't come back and complain about bills that are poorly drafted. The lobbyists are handing bills to those men every day of the week and, by gosh, if you think that they are not working hard, go down there and watch them. They are busy and they are busy all the time. But if you want staff, back up the Executive Board and you'll get staff.

SPEAKER: Now, the motion before the house relates to Senator Chambers' LB 12 and I know that there is some other discussion that probably ought to go on this and so on, but would you save it for afterwhile, so that we can dispatch of this motion now. Is there any further discussion of Senator Chambers' motion on LB 12. The question is shall the Governor be asked to return the bill. All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. Senator Chambers, I assume you had no closing on this. Thank you. The motion is to return LB 12...ask the Governor to return LB 12. Have you all voted? Once again, have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote. Senator Lewis voting aye.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 3 nays, remainder not voting.

SPEAKER: OK. Senator Chambers, the chair would like to appoint you as a committee of one to ask the Governor for the return of the bill, and Senator Savage, do you have a motion regarding your LB 102? The chair is going to go back and we are going to rethread the eye of the needle here on Senator Savage's 102. We will take your first motion, Senator. Then we will see what happens.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There is a motion on the clerk's desk to return the bill from the Governor's office, LB 102.

SPEAKER: Do we have a second for Senator...thank you. The motion now before the house is shall LB 102 that we earlier took a little action on be...do we ask the Governor to return LB 102 which Senator Savage has an amendment for on Select File involving three words. Now, Senator Savage, do you have any further explanation of your motion for LB 102.