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This is an important matter, then we should have a bill up on the Board and I think Senator Waldron is making a reasonable request and I think we ought to try to put this bill up so that we can give consideration if the time becomes appropriate to a "no-fault" bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, you are next to speak. Senator Nore. You are going to pass. All right. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President and fellow members, if I understood the part of the rationale that Senator Waldron used with that he wanted to raise the bill and put it on General File because of the possible threat of the federal government. Would Senator Waldron yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, do you yield?

SENATOR STROMER: Was I correct in what I just had mentioned about the threat of the federal government and the threat of the federal bill which would be...in which the hearings would start in April.

SENATOR WALDRON: First of all...first of all, I want to point out that I made two points. One, that I feel this system will be vastly...will be a great improvement over the present system. Secondly, if this Legislature and other state Legislatures do not act within this year or next year, I feel the Federal Congress will preempt this field and then take over.. and then will set guidelines or maybe even have a national legislation and write all policies...all automobile policies would then be written under national standards or under national act.

SENATOR STROMER: So, this is actually a part of your reasons for raising the bill. Would you, then also, agree that we should raise LB 153 in the same light and hold it on General File and bracket it because the Committee, actually I think, killed both bills in light of the fact that we thought we really didn't want to bow to the Federal Government's threat and wait until next year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, do you care to respond?

SENATOR WALDRON: And Senator Stromer, you well know 153 is not "no-fault" insurance by any definition. Now if you are going to Washington next week when we go in for the conference, I'll be glad to take you over there and talk to some of the people who are behind "no-fault" and we'll ask if this by any way meet the Departments of Transportation's definition of "no-fault" insurance and if they don't say no, then I would be greatly surprised.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Duis a question and then make a brief statement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, will you yield?

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Duis, is it your recommendation that 161 be brought to the floor?

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Proud, I must involve Senator Waldron in this answer if I might, if he will pay attention to us, here. Jim, would you listen, please? I think a question has been posed of the chair as to whether the bill will come out of Committee this way with or without the amendment. Now if Senator Waldron will allow the amendment to stand on the bill that comes on the floor and not require a ruling from the chair as to whether or not the bill being killed in Committee come out as its original form instead of with the amendment, this is the question. Now, if Senator Waldron will not object