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PRESIDENT: Very good, the issue is lost. Do we have other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Yes, sir. I have a letter, Mr. President, addressed to Senator Robert L. Clark of the State Legislature from the Attorney General. Reads letter.

PRESIDENT: Any other communications on the desk?

CLERK: That's all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any bills for introduction?

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Any other motions?

CLERK: There is pending the Anderson motion.

PRESIDENT: Pardon me?

CLERK: There is just pending the Anderson motion by Senator Whitney.

PRESIDENT: Very good. All right, we'll revert back then to the business of the morning. At that time, when we recessed for this afternoon you will probably remember that we had before us the question: Shall the appointment of Dr. Jack Anderson as Director of the Department of Public Institutions be confirmed? That is the question before the body. That's the only question before the body. It doesn't relate to--excuse me, that's the only question. Senator Chambers, I would recognize you to continue the debate and so forth at this time. There were also two other persons to be heard. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm speaking in opposition to the confirmation of Dr. Anderson. I was at all of the committee hearings and it was clear that Senator Whitney is a close and personal friend of Dr. Anderson and I imagine he conducted as fair a hearing as he could. But in view of his close personal relationship with the man, I think everything he offered in the way of favorable testimony should be taken with a grain of salt. Not one of the issues that distressed me was how Dr. Anderson dealt with the subject of redolen, which is a drug, methophenidate, and it's related to the amphetamines family. It is addictive, it is used on young children. The ailment it is supposed to deal with is called brain disfunction or hypertensive or hyperactivity. The doctors cannot agree among themselves what this ailment is. It will not show up in an organic fashion. They say that it's a malfunction of the central nervous system. So I asked Dr. Anderson was he aware of research being conducted with this drug. It's manufactured by Seiva and was he aware that the Defense Department had purchased enough redolen to be used on 33% of the children in the schools in Fremont, California. He was totally unaware of that. I asked him was he aware of a study by HEW which was using the children of migrant workers to test redolen and see what type of dosages would produce bad side effects and he was unaware of that. But if I asked him did he object to the use of redolen on young children, he said no. I asked him did he know it was addictive, he said yes. And I asked in view of the fact that he knew it was addictive would he still recommend its use on children and he said yes. Now Senator Whitney and others were upset because I'm not a doctor, yet I can read and understand English when I read it. I feel that there were other areas