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to reject the committee amendments and if you have a question it will have to be on just order as far as the chair is concerned. Now Senator Savage had asked to be recognized first. Senator Savage, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SAVAGE: I'd like to ask Senator Whitney a question.

PRESIDENT: About what, sir?

SENATOR SAVAGE: On the theory of, if you treat everybody alike even if...

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage, you'll have to ask the chair the question on order if you don't understand that. You can't debate the bill or the question any more.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I want to ask Senator Whitney a question.

PRESIDENT: No, you can't ask any more questions.

SENATOR SAVAGE: All right.

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, sir. Now Senator Lewis, what was your question?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'd like to clarify some information.

PRESIDENT: If it's about the bill, you're out of order. You can't take a point of personal privilege to discuss a point on the bill. The motion before us now is, shall the committee amendments be rejected and the chair is going to try to hold if we can to that issue. I know what's been discussed and I know the predicament that you're in, Senator Lewis, but I have some rules that have to be followed in the Legislature.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have no animosity against the chair.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Now the question is, shall the committee amendments be rejected? All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. You are voting on the rejection of the committee amendments to LB 445. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. The question is, shall the committee amendments be rejected? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Stand by. He tried to explain to you that he has an amendment and that there's an Attorney General's opinion that relates to that amendment and the chair has no business clarifying that issue but I did. Now have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 23 nays to reject.

PRESIDENT: All right, now the question was--now the committee amendments are not rejected. We are now back to the committee amendments and it's the chair's understanding that there is an amendment on the desk. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, there's an amendment on the desk and there's an amendment at each of your seats. There's also the Attorney General's opinion stating the validity of this amendment to accomplish what we want to by making the bill constitutional. Now I'd like to address myself to two or three issues, some that I tried to clarify and the rules stymied me but now maybe I can get that point across. First of all, this bill, with the amendment that I propose for it, will have less fiscal impact than the previous one with the