

PRESIDENT: Alright, is there any objections to expediting LB 311? Any objections? Senator Whit--Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think it ought to be understood that when it gets on select file, we'll hold it there until we get an opinion of the Attorney General because this is a broad question. Senator Marvel brought it up yesterday and I didn't really understand the full impact of what he's saying. He told us then and I, I think that we ought to get an opinion from the Attorney General which is only an opinion. Whether an obligation--and now requires the State Board of Equalization to levy sales and income tax sufficient to pay it even though we haven't made an appropriation. Now like Senator Syas says, this body is unstable and every legislative body is unstable. This is democracy. We're confronted with a thousand problems we don't fully understand and that's understandable so we have to go with the trial and error and we have to try to do the right thing before it becomes law so with that understanding, I hope that is understood by everybody, that then you can make up your minds what you want to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter is asking unanimous consent then to hold 311 on select file pending an Attorney General's opinion. Does anybody object? Senator Whitney, do you object? Hearing no objections, it is so ordered then, the bill will be held there. It seems proper to the Chair that we dispatch LB 311A at this particular time. I understand there is a motion on the desk. The Clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: (mike off) introduced by Senator Carpenter of the 48th district (read)

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter first.

SENATOR CARPENTER: --talking about 311A?

PRESIDENT: 311A, yes sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now I think this is a mistake, Senator. The reason, let me explain why I think it is. I don't know what this body's going to do and nobody else does. It may be later this body will make a determination that they want to pass some bills that has appropriations. I think the A bill ought to be passed up, even to put on final reading if that's your desire so that if you make your mind up to change your mind, you're not at a disadvantage and as long as we're going to stay here and speak to one, I have no objection. I think it's probably good common sense we consider all these bills even though I made the motion not-- which shows sometimes how wrong you can be, but I think we've got everything moved and do like we're now doing, if it's an appropriation with the exception of the Attorney General's opinion, let's put it up on final reading, then if we change our mind, we'll have a resume and a condensation of what the cost is in the area in which everyone has an interest and at that particular time what we want to do so I would hope you will move these A bills only to final reading and hold them there and pass the authorization if that's what you want to do but not the appropriation.

PRESIDENT: Well, alright, Senator Barnett, did you wish to be heard on this issue? Okay. Actually then the motion to indefinitely postpone has been withdrawn but we do have LB 311A and you've heard Senator Carpenter's discussion of it. It's--we had already taken it up, now question is, do you want to debate it? Alright, question is shall LB 311A be advanced from general file to E&R initial? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to advance LB 311A, with the explanation by Senator Carpenter regarding the future use