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SENATOR CARPENTER: What is the resolution on? I don't have it.

PRESIDENT: It's in the old Legislative Journal on page 813.

CLERK: Mr. President. It is also inserted in a Bill Index and Title book that we put in all the Senators books. It is on page 56 in that Title book. The gray book labeled Bill and Title to Bills held over.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator Syas gets here tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter's motion is to pass over the resolution until Senator Syas is here tomorrow. Senator Nore do you object to passing it over. Thank you. Are there any objections to passing the bill over. Resolution. Hearing none. So ordered. Pass over LR19 We will go on to LB 237.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Anderson asks unanimous consent to be excused for the balance of the day.

PRESIDENT: Are there any objections. Hearing none. So ordered. Senator is excused. LB 237 by the Judiciary Committee. Has the title been read.

CLERK: read LB 237

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the Committee amendments. Mr. President and members of the Legislature. LB 237 was a bill which was to set up which was originally to be called a office of Public Council to represent the public with regard to matters of the public service commission. To have sort of an Ombudsman type situation with regards to the Public Service Commission. And in as much as there already was a public council, the term public council for the Ombudsman in the State of Nebraska. It was necessary to change the title of this particular person so one of the series of the first amendments is to #1 and #2 as well as I believe #6 amendment deals with changing the name of this person to the Public Service Counsel to distinguish it from the present Ombudsman. The amendment #5 would strike sections 4, 5, and 6. Now sections 4, 5, and 6 in the original bill dealt with assessing all expenditures for this particular public service counsel to the assessment of utilities, and common carriers under the jurisdiction of the public services commission and set forth a procedure in a manner of assessment. This was deleted by the Judiciary Committee and instead the matter of assessment, and by the way also on page 3, line 14 and 15 were struck by assessment because that refers to the way in which, in which these matters would be assessed to the utilities and carriers.

Mr. President there was a request by Senator Carpenter to withdraw this bill this morning. The bill was laid over.

MR. LUEDTKE: Mr. President, lets just lay it over until Senator Carpenters motion comes up. I would ask unanimous consent to have it laid over.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. LB 237 will be laid over until tomorrow. Pending the motion by Senator Carpenter. Brings up LB 502, also by the Judiciary Committee.