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PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendment. In this particular...the way the bill originally came to the committee, there was included...this includes the penalties for drug pushers. And, one of the provisions was that was...that they shall not be eligible for probation. In keeping with the committees philosophy of treating people on corrections.....

PRESIDENT: Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to have this bill held. I believe it has some controversy in it.

PRESIDENT: Okay. LB745 will be held over. Next bill is LB747.

CLERK: Read LB747. There are no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Just a moment, Senator Fowler, did you have an objection to this bill?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, I'd like to ask this be passed over. The bill is controversial.

PRESIDENT: Okay. It shall be passed over. Next bill is LB748.

CLERK: Read LB748. There are no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move that LB748 be advanced to E & R initial. And note that there was no opposition at the hearing to this bill and I'll ask Senator Schmit to explain it. (MACHINE MALFUNCTION)

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Those in favor of advancing LB748 vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. Senator Whitney voting aye. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, no nays, 19 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Bill advances. Next bill is LB614.

CLERK: Read LB614. There are no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced from General File to E & R for initial. Now, what this bill does, it doesn't change any of the election laws. It doesn't change how much anybody can give to anyone running for public office. It does nothing of that nature. It leaves everything like it is. Now, the only thing it does do, whenever you give anything of value to a candidate or a committee, it has to be given not in money but in something that is tangible which someone signs it and someone endorses it. I've been in politics a long time and one of the evils of running for public office is that from anywhere from 5 to 25% of all contributions are made in currency. And, the reason they're made in currency is self-evident. Now, I listened to a lot of discussion on this floor about attempting to curtail and make more acceptable this field of politics. Now, you don't have to report it except when you give more than the laws say you can without reporting it. You have to report it. All you have to do, whatever you take, you cannot take it in currency.