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in regard to the raising of their salaries? Under present statutes?

SENATOR CARPENTER: The law was 60 days before the Primary as I recall.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, it's my impression in Douglas County, for instance, they had ample opportunities to raise those salaries and have it be discussed by the populace of Douglas County and would have had time to lower them had they not waited until the last...deadline to do it. They're caught in their own net, and I am a little bit reluctant to think this Legislature should get them out of it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If the Senator wants to let them swing in the wind, so to speak, this is your opportunity. I think it would be unfair to do that.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to only return the bill, we really aren't arguing the amendment at this particular time but I know that some explanation of the amendment is necessary. Senator Skarda, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, I think it's a means of savings to the taxpayer is concerned and I'm not interested in individuals. I think it's a good amendment to afford anybody the opportunity to go ahead and cut their salary. That's the way I look at the subject.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, the motion to return to Select File, an explanation is given of the amendment, then that vote is taken without debate. If you desire to debate the issue, then it's done after it's returned there. Not before. And I think all that's necessary under the rules of a motion to return is an explanation of the specific amendment and no debate or no questions.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. That's what I was trying to get at and I keep getting lights on. Now, Senator Fellman, do you.....this is only a motion to return.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I agree with Senator Duis' interpretation and the explanation given by Senator Skarda. I won't say any more.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. All the motion is then to return LB646 to Select File for the specific amendment, as outlined by Senator Carpenter. All those in favor, this is just to return the bill now. All those in favor of returning the bill for the amendment vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to return LB646 to Select File for specific amendment. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, 21 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. The bill is returned. Now, what is your pleasure regarding the amendment to the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, it's open to discussion if anyone want to discuss it.