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SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the Body. LB892 was advanced out of committee, out of the Telecommunications Committee when Senator Skarda was gone due to illness and could not have a voice in the bill. We wanted to give him the opportunity to have that voice so we want to return the bill back to the committee, let him have his input into the bill and then we'll take our action from there on out, whatever the votes of the committee dictate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I would say, for example, this is a comparable situation. I would like to amend the motion to put the bill on General File and let the Legislature make a determination of Senator Skarda's viewpoint and position.

PRESIDENT: The bill's on General File, Senator Carpenter, it's not comparable.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It's on General File now?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I thought he was trying to raise it from.....

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: What we're trying to do, Terry, is to move it from General File back to the committee so that we can discuss it and take whatever action the committee deems necessary and move it back again or whatever we want to do with it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Why can't we have the discussion on the floor so we can all hear it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Because, Senator, Senator Skarda requested it and we thought we owed him that courtesy.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me ask Senator Skarda a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda?

SENATOR SKARDA: Fire away.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is that the way you want it?

SENATOR SKARDA: My friend, I can take it out here on the floor. It's just as acceptable to me as it would be in committee. The only thing I squawked about, if that's what you want to see, was the opportunity of being available when this was taken up and I was gone and I was dissatisfied with the committee action so they made the move to reconsider the bill....take it back to committee.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You want it back to the committee?

SENATOR SKARDA: No, sir, that would be fine with me to take it up on the floor, right out here in the open.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, what do you want, that's what I'm trying to find out, you want to leave it alone?