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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I would move the adoption of this amendment. What the amendment would do is create a State Campaign Finance Commission to exercise duties which LB677 confers on the Secretary of State. It does not disturb any of the substantive provisions of LB677 as far as reporting and maintaining separate checking accounts. However, it gives the responsibility for acquisition and maintenance of that information to this Commission, which consists of five members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature not more than three of which shall be from the same political party, and also creates an Executive Secretary to carry out the duties of the Commission which would be the duties of set out in LB677 relating to (malfunction of machine)

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SENATOR SYAS: I think that what we need in this Legislature is a good disclosure of law without going into all this honky-tonky stuff. And get back on the track. Let's not try to fool any people. If you think the people are being fooled by a lot of this stuff, I think you are mistaken. Let's kill this bill and get on with it, if this is a good bill in here let's bring it out. I might say to a freshman senator, I think he should have waited until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly: Motion is to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, fellow members and Senator Syas. Your objections are all covered in the amendment of which this Legislature resoundly defeated. Therefore there is no way that we are going to do with this bill at this time. I suggest very strongly to the members of this body not to kill this bill. The amendments that you turned down, if you would understand them, make it workable, and it makes what you want done, and that is to be sure that the electorate knows that you are running clean campaigns. And as long as your running clean campaigns, you have no fear of LB677. If you are not running clean campaigns you could darn well be well aware that 677 would bring that out. And that the people who would be voting for the candidate would be aware of the irregularities for the election day. That is the purpose of 677 and it would accomplish it. Mr. President I ask for a roll call and record vote on the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: We still have some people waiting here. That's fine and you can make the request and it will be complied with. These people still want to discuss the kill motion, here. Senator Chambers is next, then Senator Fowler, then Senator Nore. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'll be very brief, because I think the mood of the Legislature is what it ought to be, which is that this bill be speedily killed and respectfully interred. But this bill was advanced by the Government Committee along with one by Senator Carpetner, without amendments because Senator Carpenter didn't want you to be able to take any money, cash for your campaign. Senator Kelly wanted this as a means of accounting for where money came from and where