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for a hearing or not. And that was the issue before the Body at this time and I appreciate the dialogue but, you know, do you want to give us some input there. The issue or motion is shall LB1052 be referred to a committee for a hearing.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Excuse me, Mr. President, I thought I was on television and I wanted good coverage but I'll at this time now say that I...I'm leaving it to the wisdom and I am not asking it to be returned because I'm sure we're all aware we do not have time. And I...I think the people involved...we might bracket it till you get more information. I'd be happy to satisfy anybody's wishes in this Body. But let's use wisdom in the decision.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, sir. Senator Frank Lewis, the motion before us is shall LB1052 be referred to a committee for a hearing. That's the issue.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'd like to ask Senator Kennedy a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy yield to a question?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, certainly.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Do you suggest that this bill be placed directly on General File, did you tell this Body there was no controversy surrounding the bill?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I did not. I said it was a necessary thing asked by the federal people that in order to qualify for the per diem payment, you can read back and find out that this is true, we have discussed it six years ago, four years ago, two years ago, I've discussed it in detail many times.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, my recollection was that this was not a controversial issue and that was one of the reasons why I suggested we go along with doing that. But certainly based on some mail I've received and some communications I've received, there seems to be concern and I think that certainly we would be very wise on a controversial bill to make sure we have a public hearing where there is a full and total input from all of those concerned. So on that basis, I'm certainly going to support Senator DeCamp's motion to return to committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson. Then Stahmer, Clark and Goodrich.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I, too, support that we should have a public hearing on this bill. It should be referred to a committee and have that public hearing. As I look at the General File list, I see that the bill is now in the last or next to last line. There....it couldn't lose much ground. It's not an underlined bill. One that's being taken up as a preferential bill by Senator Kennedy so it's going to be down at the bottom of the