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PRESIDENT: All right, now, are you all through discussing the motion to return the bill? Senator Proud, do you want to close on your motion to return the bill? Senator Proud is now closing.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President and fellow members. The statement that this is an attempt to scuttle the bill is pure hogwash. Because the facts of the matter are that this bill was given a committee hearing.....

(End of Belt #11)

(Begin Belt #12)

The committee was satisfied with it as it was written. The original bill provided the Attorney General shall appoint an assistant Attorney General whose primary duty shall be to investigate and prosecute violations of anti-trust laws. Now, if this doesn't have teeth, I don't know what does. The bill was argued on General File. There was ample opportunity for anybody to put an amendment on on General File but that wasn't done. It finally got over to Select File and one fine day I think when most of us were doing something else, these amendments were put on. So it doesn't scuttle it at all. The Attorney General got what he wanted, he got his amendments on. Now, it's very interesting to me that somebody or several people would say this isn't in the interests of the people. Well, certainly some lobbyists came to me on this. Quite a few of them and I'll tell you who some of them represent. They represent the people, that work in a lot of industries. Now, it was said here the other day, well, we don't want any amendments on this bill. But what happened when somebody suggested an amendment to take organized labor out of it? Boy. The ones who are saying they don't want amendments just hopped up like this was one....as one. An exempted organized labor...they're so slick you wouldn't believe it. And so they did, I'm not complaining about it. But I get a little tired of hearing people saying let's don't amend this to death. Now, organized labor wanted out of it. Who does organized labor represent? Why, it represents people. And so, all I'm asking here is that we put this bill back somewhere near it's original position and I think it gives the Attorney General all the authority he needs. Now, if he needs more, next year, go ahead and give it to him. But I don't think, I think that the REA's for example represent people. If they don't represent people, who do they represent? There are an awful lot of people represented here and I don't think taking these sections out is going to hurt this bill at all. If it does, I think you can come back and do something else with it. You've still....it's still got plenty of teeth so I urge you to adopt these amendments.

PRESIDENT: Now, the question is, do you want to return the bill? The vote is, the bill....the question is, shall LB1028 be returned for specific amendment. You are returning the bill only at this time. All those in favor of returning the bill vote aye. All those opposed vote no. The motion is to return the bill. 25 votes are required. Once again, have you all voted? Senator Proud? Senator Proud is asking for a Call of the House. Clerk will record and clear the board. Next bell, please indicate your support of a Call of the House. Senator Proud has made the motion. Senator Proud is