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will begin Final Reading. The first bill on Final Reading this morning is LB721. Once again, we do have to clear the floor. Well, the Chaplain is an employee of the Legislature though. That's all right. That's permissible. That's right. She may need the extra consultation in there too. She didn't go to church Sunday. All right, the Clerk will read the bill. Attention please, Final Reading of LB721.

CLERK: LB721 (read) Motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move that 877 be returned to Select File for specific amendment. To strike the enacting clause (signed) Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas for his motion. On 877.

SENATOR SYAS: I think this bill should be brought back on making it to Select File for a specific amendment which is to kill the bill or strike the enacting clause. I urge the Senate to take a good look at this bill, and what you are getting into. Now, on page 5, top of the page, I think the bill idiscriminates against nonpartisan candidates and leaves partisan candidates there all right. I want you to take a good look at that section. Good look. On page 3, I want you to take a good look at the top of the page. A person shall be a candidate when six persons makes a public declaration at a public meeting, or through the news media or anyother general statement declaring candidacy, intention to file for public office, such public to declare a declaration shall be in no way alleviate the requirement of actually filing etc. In other words, what is a public meeting. Now to me, and we are getting into quicksands on this bill, to me you haven't filed until you put your money down. Just because someone will interpret that you are going to file, and I would like to know the definition of a public meeting. What is it? Two or more people? Or if I have a few people over in my front room, and I'm taking about it, is that a public meeting? Or do, if I make a statement that I might to a little group at some P.T.A. meeting or not, is that a public meeting? That certainly isn't defined and I don't see how you can hold anyone to some quote that he might have made that leaves a lot...open to exactly...to his correct meaning. The fact is, that there is a quote in politics that he slammed the door wide open, as you recall.

PRESIDENT: Let me remind the body that we are still on Final Reading, and that requires the Senators to be in their seats and this, there was some criticism last week of lobbying that went on on the floor. I only want to make it clear that we are still on Final Reading. Thank you, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm not going to make a whole lot of big deal about this. On page 7, first as I say, I want you to take a good look. What's a public meeting? I think that's so wishy-washy that it's going to attract everybody. You are going to have a controversy over what you said or didn't say

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