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SENATOR CARPENTER: In other words, you might have Republican governor and a Democratic lieutenant governor or visa versa?

SENATOR FELLMAN: Yes. But that's what these bills try to correct, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now insofar as I'm a candidate, I prefer to run that way than the way the law now stands. I hope Senator Chambers proceeds into court and gets a determination of the issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I think that you should hold this motion up for a little while and some of you go and see Allan Beermann or the Attorney General because as I understand it, if we do not pass LB932 and 933, the whole election can be in jeopardy. It isn't quite as simple as that. So you see in order to be sure to keep you from making a mistake, I'd like to have some of these Lieutenant Governor candidates that go over and see the Attorney General and you'll find out the whole election could be in jeopardy. Now, I prefer the old way and I think we made a horrible mistake by putting this thing on the ballot. And when I looked up my vote I was horrified I'd voted to put it on the ballot. I must have had something going wrong that day. But we cannot, we cannot correct the aim of an arrow after it leaves the bow and that's what...the position we're in. And I think the Governor candidate in this Body and the Lieutenant candidates in this Body should ask Ernie Chamber to hold this thing up. And all of them, Ernie Chambers involved, Senator Chambers rather, go over and you'll find out there's just more involved in this thing than what's come out on this floor this morning. Now, if you decide not to pass either one of these bills, it doesn't shake me up one bit but I was told by that Body that they have to go as they are with no amendments. You'd better know what you're doing before you take a chance.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Ernie, did Senator Syas move or do anything to bracket or delay these a day or two? Is there a motion before the House?

PRESIDENT: It's Senator Chambers' motion to return.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I would suggest....I agree with....I don't agree that he voted wrong...but I agree that this ought to be delayed a day and I would suggest that maybe this bill be bracketed for a day and be debated on our next legislative day so that people could figure out what this means. This is a serious piece of legislation and should not go through until everybody understands what it amounts to.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you had your light on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chambers, as a legislator I can do anything I can get away with doing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Correct.