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LB 316

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, but your motion technically is to bring 316 back to Select File to adopt these amendments on the first sheet. Is that right?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is correct, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Okay. Now that is the motion. Senator Chambers, do you wish to be recognized on that motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I want my pound of flesh. They are talking about the very things I tried to bring to the body's attention the other day. You hasten and rush through on these things. You don't read. You don't understand so I would advise you to be very careful and cautious this morning in adopting these amendments and it won't make that much difference anyway because some of the substantial matters mentioned by the Attorney General are not going to be touched by you at all. It is a hoax and a sham. I talked to two pro-life people day before yesterday. In fact, they took most of my lunch hour and it was very pleasant talking to them. I found out that they were humane, civilized and rational. We just happened to have had a different point of view but we had an amiable discussion for about forty-five minutes and they did not like 316. They said they don't know what the bill says and they don't know who it belongs to, and I think that the opinion was expressed that they wish everybody on this floor would deal as forthrightly and as straightforwardly as I will deal. They know what my position is and they know where I am coming from. They not only do not know where some of the members on this floor are coming from who claim to be anti-abortion, they don't even know where they are or where they are going. So you are going to tinker with this bill and waste the Legislature's time. I don't think you ought to bring the bill back because with the problems that will still exist, the substantial problems that you will not address yourselves to, will still produce a bill which is not worthy of passage by this Legislature, however, since you unthinkingly, unknowingly and without understanding intend to run this bill through so you get a headline here or there saying that you have done a good job here, you have done a good job there by bringing two warring sides together to produce mutual confusion, I think it is totally irresponsible. Now you have created a hodgepodge and you are not going to correct it totally. Let the bill go as it is. The Governor must veto it. The Governor must veto it. The Attorney General is the Governor's official legal counsel. The Attorney General has stated that there is serious consti-