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LB 457

I think it is rather obvious that all of us learn as we go along, particularly as it relates to parliamentary procedure. I think LB 457 is somewhat of an offshoot of LB 143, and as most of you may or may not know, I have opposed LB 143. The bill, of course, is on Final Reading at this point or at least it will be there shortly, and subsequent to that bill being heard on Select File, I found out a great deal of information about LB 143, enough information that I thought that the Legislature should at least have some time to listen to. So what I did was I put a legitimate and a very sincere kill motion on LB 143. Subsequent to that, within five minutes, Senator Simon comes storming down here with a few choice words and despised my putting a kill motion on it. He runs over to Senator Fowler, and within a matter of minutes Senator Fowler runs up to the desk and puts a kill motion on one of my bills on General File. That is parliamentary procedure? Hardly, ladies and gentlemen. I don't do something here out of vindictiveness. I am not going to vote to send this bill back to committee out of vindictiveness. I don't operate that way. This morning another Senator from the Lancaster delegation who is in cahoots with that group came up and said I am going to put a kill motion on another one of your bills....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, will you please address the issue?

SENATOR VENDITTE: I thought that was germane, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, not when we have been trying very carefully to keep from castigating fellow legislators. You may be frustrated with them but (interruption).

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, it is all relative to that particular piece of legislation, Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have recognized you. We are on LB 457.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I apologize if perhaps I did leave the germaneness to the particular motion before the body. I am going to vote to send this bill back to committee, and the reasons are very simple and it is one of cost. What we want to do is say, in this particular bill, that every time an added cost is given to an electrical utility that we have to mail a 15¢ stamp, for example, in Douglas County and send two hundred thousand ratepayers notification of a proposed increase. I have enough faith and I have enough confidence