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LB 378

I would just briefly like to emphasize the importance of 378 to you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are on the committee amendments first. We haven't adopted them.

SENATOR NICHOL: Oh, okay. Lets adopt the committee amendments then.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to speak to that?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I explained the committee amendments some time ago. Do you want my closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, no. Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me just a minute. (gavel) okay.

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess I would ask a question first of Senator Chambers and then also of Senator Hoagland. I guess it is kind of a general question but I would like to ask each of them since they have studied this whether or not they believe the committee amendments in the current form provide adequate procedural safeguards and whether or not there may in fact be some legal or constitutional question in the way they are drafted now. If they wish to cite specifics they may, or if they just have a general comment. Senator Chambers first.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Fowler, I do see some problems with the amendment and I cited what I saw as a problem. I will just let it, you know the remarks that I made stand as my position on it.

SENATOR FOWLER: Do you see that these are technical or major? Would you care to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You are asking for my opinion. I think that it is similar to the abortion bill where if a certain provision is interspersed throughout the bill and becomes the basis for other operative sections, if that provision is not valid everything else that hangs from it is invalid too. In my opinion there is a serious deficiency in the bill.

SENATOR FOWLER: Have you been invited to work on any amendments?