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LB 444

discussed once and in fairness to the others, we're either going to have to revise this or something. I don't know what to do. Do you have any comments to make on your bill? I must recognize the others before you can close.

SENATOR WESELY: Could I call the question?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you ready to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Could I call the question? Is that possible?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Not right now.

SENATOR WESELY: Not right now?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to....
Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I want to take one minute to explain and make clear for the record that I said two things about being an attorney and the relationships with the CIR... I think we can still use the term CIR. First, I said that all of them have been trained attorneys that have sat on the Court now Commission. Secondly, I said that the rules of the Commission indicate that those who bring cases to them must be attorneys. For the record, and I know it's difficult to hear because there is a lot of commotion on the floor, I did not say that members of the Commission have to be trained attorneys. As a matter of fact, you do not have to be an attorney to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States. There is no rule that says that either. What I was pointing out, however, was that the function that is performed, although a hybrid and to that extent I'll certainly agree with Senator Kelly, essentially falls I believe in the judicial ranks. They hear cases. They use, as he agreed, the rule of evidence. They issue orders enforceable by the district court, certainly I agree, but they issue orders, they have contempt authority and in many respects they are like judges, and the term still applies. It is a mistake at this late date to make this change now so far along in the procedure of LB 444 and graphing onto it something that was not there at the public hearing. I would object to the Wesely amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to close on your amendment, and then we have one other amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, Mr. Speaker, I just to reaffirm