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LB 356

intent being located for me now and I am going to distribute it for you just for the record. The committee statement says LB 356 would eliminate the need for an engineer's estimate of cost from personal property items for cities and villages as well as to harmonize statutory language which deals with lease purchases. Then Senator Kelly comes out here and says we don't have to go to public bids. I don't know why he didn't make it \$300,000. He said, let's double it and then we talk about inflation as if that is a factor and a key to what we ought to do with bids. We shouldn't even bid school buildings I guess. There is three things wrong with what has been done. First of all there was no chance, no chance for public input at all on this issue. Senator Kelly and Dave Chambers decided this was the way to circumvent the usual legislative process and they haven't been able to pass that bill yet, haven't been able to pass that bill yet so cleverly they said, let's don't have a public hearing. Let's do this at the dark of night and attach it up there and run with it on a noncontroversial bill. Obviously there are many people that oppose that. Certainly the Press Association has historically been opposed to lowering or no bidding and that is not good government but I want you honestly to know what I am doing and who I am representing and I want to be honest and straightforward about it. Kelly has stuck one to you by hook and crook, by clever Carpenter devices and I compliment him on the cleverness of it. Now I ask you to kill the bill.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: The question is, shall 356 be indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR LEWIS: No, returned, returned.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion to return for to indefinitely postpone. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion? Senator Lewis, what do you want to do?

SENATOR LEWIS: Oh, I just want to stand here for a minute.

SENATOR CLARK: Well you don't have long to stand there.

SENATOR LEWIS: There is two or three ways to kill a bill and this is the first shot. Let her ride.

SENATOR CLARK: Okay, record the vote.