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be found on Pages 2144 and 2145 of the Legislative Journal.) That will be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Before we commence with Final Reading this morning the Chair would like to introduce some guests of Senator Nichol. They're over here under the south balcony. Would they stand as I read the names? John, Carol, Jill, Linda and Jean Ellis, all from Senator Marsh's district. Mrs. Edith Johnson also from Senator Marsh's district, and Wanda Feldt from Senator Vickers' district. They're all under the south balcony. Welcome to the Legislature. We are ready then for Final Reading if the Sergeant at Arms would see that all members are in the chamber. All nonlegislative personnel will leave the floor of the Legislature. All legislators shall be at their desks, and as soon as that happens we will commence with today's Final Reading. The Speaker advises me that the first two bills on the agenda for Final Reading cannot be read today because the A bills have not caught up. So we will commence with LB 260 as soon as everybody gets in place. As soon as everyone gets to the desks we will start the Final Reading. I understand there is a motion on the desk on the first bill, so Mr. Clerk, you may read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Murphy moves to return LB 260 to Select File for a specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm having a letter passed out to you that came from the head of the Department of Alcoholism, and I would particularly call your attention to the last paragraph. 260 intends to raise another million dollars for this program, and yet I....

PRESIDENT: There's a lot of noise in here, you can't listen to Senator Murphy addressing his motion.

SENATOR MURPHY: ...and yet I would point out the fact to you that in the last paragraph of that letter the head of the department is threatening, and I know no other way to put it, the various regional boards that if they do not get about spending the money that was allocated to them this year that by golly he is going to withhold the money next year. Now you read that carefully and read what the intent and what the obvious concern is. Spend more money. Now they can't spend what we gave them