

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I would like to make some comments first. I did read with interest in the sometimes reliable paper Sunday that there was an editorial criticizing the members, and I want to apologize for the fact that I did not communicate that well enough because I know it would not be ineptness on the part of those who wrote the editorial, because I have never seen anything like that. Now, the World Herald, state court.....I'm sorry, what I had said earlier was a fact and I want to make this clear, and I will try to do it in monosyllables so it can be understood. I said here the purpose of the bill was not to pay one red cent until the Supreme Court had said it is constitutional. Now the World Herald made a constitutional judgment, and I know that they have a long and historical history of constitutional law, and I am sure that the next vacancy we have on the Supreme Court we will certainly want to look at the editorial writer as a possible nominee. What I said loud and clear, and I had made the arrangements with the Attorney General that he would immediately file suit against us, no expenses would be paid until the Supreme Court rendered a judgment. Now if the World Herald still thinks that, once the court has said it is constitutional, then they must be more constitutional scholars than we are, and I have been up there many times and I have not seen a William O. Douglas or a Hugo Black, but I am sure they may be hiding somewhere. So that there is no misunderstanding, we are going to put it in written form, translate it to whatever language is necessary and circulate it to those who write those things, and that Senator Hoagland and I have that as a specific amendment which we will clean up and say, yes, yes, yes, this is going to court; no, no, no, we are not going to spend one red dime until the court says it is constitutional. Then at that point, perhaps we can get those legal scholars together in an agreement on the issue at hand. So I hope that is clear, and if it is not I will try to be more decisive next time. I ask that the bill be laid over.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to lay over 690 and 690A. So ordered. The next bill, LB 749.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to 749.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I move the E & R amendments to LB 749.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried. The E & R amendments are adopted.