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I think the lost property or found property or something and this one go to that committee? Was there any disagreement or any fight at all on that? Did you have a free opportunity on this issue?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, to answer to Senator DeCamp's question, there was no fight over the reference of the bill, Senator DeCamp. As I recall, this bill was referred to our committee, a bill that our Revenue Committee had an interim study on was referred to Banking which was the escheat bill or the unclaimed property bill. I was approached whether I would be willing to switch or had any objections to switching of the bills that were in our consideration and as I looked at the bill and not being on the Reference Committee, saw that it was an insurance or a revenue bill either way, as are many bills as you have stated could be under those circumstances referred to various committees. We had thirty-seven bills. I felt that we had a pretty heavy workload. I did think that our committee bill should be in our committee for a hearing and I said I have no objection.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay, just to complete, I don't think I even was concerned about where I went myself. I don't think I was involved but I don't even recall. There were about a thousand bills we were dealing with at the time. My point is very simply this. If every time an issue is decided, first of all by the Reference Committee, next of all, by the Legislature, then it is heard in committees. You have the same fight over and over, over and over on the floor. You are just cheating the members of the Legislature...

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SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR DE CAMP: ...of dealing with all the other issues. Now if he wants to have it go to Revenue, fine, if he has the votes, but it has been tried two or three times. I just don't know how many times you want to hash over the same issue and so I urge you to get on with the bill. If you want to kill it, kill it. If you want to do something legitimate, do it, get it over with. Don't spend the whole day on it and tomorrow and the next day.

SENATOR CLARK: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see