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not all those statutes were obsolete, and are we full circle. Statutes and laws are laws are laws until they are repealed, aren't they? And we can call them obsolete or ugly. We are not...not, whatever...well, we can call them anything, can't we? And this bill crosses a wide section of the statutes it attempts to repeal... Chapter 23 very heavily. The district election bill also is Chapter 23. Now, I told Peter, I told him, I'm not going to at this particular moment at this late hour of the day make any attempt to rehash an old issue about district elections. But I do think, you know, you don't often get a chance like this to say, I told you so...so, you've got to kind of enjoy it when you get it. Not really push it but savor it just a little. Do you remember what old John said? He said, look, if I'm wrong I will throw all the bets on this one thing and I just tried to get Ernie or Peter, Richard, anybody, to go along. You know, risk everything, the district election issue would be completely dead, and I said I'll lay it all on the Attorney General's Opinion. Even after we got the Attorney General's Opinion we...well, you still wouldn't go along with it. But I guess the point is, the legal effect is that laws are in existence until they are repealed or until courts declare them invalid and you are repeatedly calling it obsolete statutes with no basis for not allowing us to have had a legitimate vote on the district election bill, and so I would hope at some future point this legitimate thing which Bernice and some of the people wanted to vote on, this legitimate thing that they were denied, would be afforded them at some opportunity because they sure didn't play fair in denying that one vote on this one. But I support bringing the bill back and straightening it out just like Peter wants.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you know we really don't know much when we say we just have to bring the bill back for a certain specific amendment. I think we should try to find out exactly what we repealed that we shouldn't have repealed, and I would like to ask Senator Hoagland to explain it in a little more detail so...maybe we want to repeal it. Maybe I want to keep it repealed. Could you explain what we repealed? Maybe I would just like to leave it repealed. There are some bills that were passed here that I would like to see dead and maybe we have got the upper hand on some for a change by accident.

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