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believe that we are setting a precedent that is wrong in not letting the Government Committee handle what is really government. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis. All right. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I oppose the motion as you could guess. The Reference Committee has worked long and hard in referencing bills this year. We admittedly have not done a perfect job. We have on various occasions reversed ourselves when it was brought to our attention that we were in error, and so we have given everyone adequate time, I believe, to present their case and we have taken their arguments under consideration. The Executive Board acting as a Reference Committee decided and, Mr. Chairman, I do not believe I am being heard, but I would say that the Board acted properly....(interruption).

PRESIDENT: Let's pay some attention to this debate and hold the noise level down. It is very, very hard to hear.

SENATOR LAMB: I am opposing the motion to re-refer because I think the Board acted properly. The reapportionment bills were assigned to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee ten years ago, and another consideration is that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee is evenly distributed among the four caucus groups. There are two members of that committee from each of the four caucus groups, and I believe in something as important as reapportionment it is important that the various areas of the state be equally represented. We are talking about an issue which has come before our committee. Senator Landis appeared before the Executive Board. He made his arguments. He was given his day in court before the committee, and his arguments were rejected. The Board decided to send the bills to Miscellaneous Subjects. I think it is important that the Executive Board and, in fact, all the committees be upheld in this matter because once we start fracturing the committees we are going to have chaos on the floor, we are going to spend a lot of time here. So I ask that this motion be rejected.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the motions to re-refer. The Executive Board did a very interesting thing in assigning these bills to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, and