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was placed on the desk, I have visited with people who indicated that the 10-90 formula might not be defensible and, therefore, we have to look at something else. I am not going to take a lot of time now, Mr. Speaker and Chairman, colleagues, I am going to ask that my motion be withdrawn, but I do wish that you would take it very seriously, and I've discussed with Senator Carsten ~~there~~ several possibilities, take very seriously the problem which we face, and that we will dedicate ourselves to working together to resolve this issue as rapidly as possible when we return. I think to do anything else would be a disservice to the people of the state. They expect it from us and we should deliver it to them. Mr. Chairman, I ask that my motion be withdrawn.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any objections to withdrawing the motion? If not, so ordered. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am only going to take a minute. This morning at our Chairman's meeting with the Speaker it was generally agreed and accepted that following our Easter recess and after we had had a little more time to look at this problem a little deeper with, as Senator Schmit has suggested, some other alternatives that we may more intelligently be able to address this problem that we are now facing. We are going to be working through the interim in cooperation with Senator Schmit and anyone else, and we pledge our committee's support and cooperation in trying to arrive at an acceptable solution and one that is constitutional when we come back after Easter. I think we need to tell the people in the state that we are not shirking our duties, but we are assuming them with responsibility and we hope with respect, and that is what we will do when we come back after our vacation. Thank you for this privilege, Mr. President. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thank you. Are we ready for 545?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, if I may, LB 545 was introduced by Senator Lowell Johnson of the 15th District. (Read title.) The bill was first read, Mr. President, on February 17 of this year. It was referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.