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as having too many attorneys around, but on a question like this I suggest to you that all the help you can get in terms of legal expertise is extremely helpful. We are going to be dealing with statutes having to do with damages, restitution, conflict between federal law and state law, criminal provisions, whether they are felonies or misdemeanors, or whether they are applicable to the situation and I think that Senator Chambers' interest and training and expertise in this area would be very helpful. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't know anything else that I could say to indicate how serious I am about this, but I will add this final note. If there is a serious intent to have the committee do what the resolution says it should do, what could be wrong with us looking among our numbers and tapping the talents of those individuals who are able to bring something to offer on what is to be accomplished? If the issue were dealing with agriculture, I would not seek to be on a committee of that sort because I don't have the knowledge, unless say there were a vacancy nobody wanted and I was flattered and my ego was massaged and I was told how quickly I could learn new things and adjust. But other than that, that is an area outside of my primary interest. If you start something like this, if you start it, you don't want it to crank along, get to the middle of the stream, break down and become a fiasco. We don't want to start something that may not go completely through. So if you feel that the Public Works Committee is able to do all that needs to be done without help, fine, but I think if you look at the seriousness of the issue and how much is involved, as Senator Beutler has touched on, you will see that all the help that can be granted ought to be accepted. So with that, I will simply remind you of what my motion is. It is to amend the resolution to allow me to serve as a member of that committee. I would not be giving up my membership on the Judiciary Committee or the Government Committee. I would not be made a permanent member of the Public Works Committee. I would not sit with them on any of their interim obligations or responsibilities. The only issue that I would work with them on is this one provided by LR 237, the bid rigging. So I am asking that you vote yes on my amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Chambers motion. All those in favor vote