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LB 591

SENATOR CLARK: That is right. We will have to take that motion up first before we do anything else. If you want to do that, you will have to change the Speaker's order.

SENATOR LANDIS: I know that. Do I have to wait until after the motion?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, you will. The question before the House at the present time...that is not divisible. There is only one thing before the House. There is only one thing before the House at the present time and that is to suspend the rules to read the following four bills. That is a motion by Senator Lamb. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Is the motion divisible?

SENATOR CLARK: I don't think it is divisible, no. When it gets done, then we can take up his motion. You can vote on that. Yes, go ahead and offer your amendment. I will let you amend the motion. There is an amendment on the desk. The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to amend Speaker Lamb's motion by deleting the reference to LB 591.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Chambers, your light is on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and Mr. Chairman, before I engage in that discussion, I would like to ask a question so that I understand any rulings that may be made reference to a division of a question. Paraphrasing the rule, any motion that is put which allows that motion to be broken into segments and the segments into which it is broken can each stand by itself, that question is divisible so I would like to know why this particular motion is not divisible when each bill could be considered alone without affecting the others?

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I will agree with you. It is right. That is the reason I accepted his motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't mean to amend.

SENATOR CLARK: I know but that is the reason I accepted his motion to amend. It will do the same thing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I would still like to know whether or not you are ruling the motion is not divisible?

SENATOR CLARK: I don't think it is right.