

committee. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I will end. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the motion by Senator Schmit. I would refer you to the rules if you'd care to open your rule book on page...bottom of page 15 and 16. What does it say about referencing of bills? "The Reference Committee shall review each bill and resolution and either refer the matter to the appropriate committee or General File. The appropriate committee is that committee which has subject matter jurisdiction over the issue or which has traditionally handled the issue." My point is under both those criteria the Public Works Committee is the proper committee. Subject matter, why am I always trying to get on the Public Works Committee? Because water is of interest to me as well as power and motor vehicles. So now if the Reference Committee is allowed to put this water jurisdiction into another committee, then we're really changing the rules without really doing so. Now you will remember at the beginning of the session when we discussed rules, Senator Beutler pushed through a proposal by which rules will be changed between the years of the session. Next January you can change the rules of this Legislature by 25 votes so I am telling you now that is the proper time to restructure the committees. Restructure those committees up front, do it by specifically stating in the rules what is going to be the jurisdiction of each committee. Don't do it by the Reference Committee in a back door approach. Now traditionally those water bills have gone to Public Works. That is the reason many of us wanted to serve on that committee and I just ask you to support the motion by Senator Schmit to refer these bills to the Public Works Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members, history shows us that it is the little things in life that seem to ultimately have such big effects later on. A chap over in India gets panicked and doesn't close a valve and you kill 2,500 people. A hundred years ago somebody leaves out a comma in a constitutional amendment and today the Legislature collects \$55 a day per person because of it. I guess the point I am trying to make is, I think this is a fairly major