

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...had a history, a repeated history of being in Public Works. So I suggest we divide the question and do exactly what Senator Beutler wanted which is to retain the bill previously in the Ag Committee in the Ag Committee, LB 463, retain the other two bills in the Public Works Committee exactly as their history is and as the standard he set up himself.

PRESIDENT: The question that Senator DeCamp puts is to divide the question, I assume, to vote separately on the issue of LB 227 and 284 going to the Public Works Committee and LB 463 staying with the Ag Committee. And do you have a comment on the division of the question, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do, Mr. Speaker. I want you all to realize exactly what is happening here. When these bills were before the Executive Committee there were two bills that were in question, Senator Eret's and Senator Schmit's chemigation bills. Never was the third bill which is the subject of this motion discussed. It was not discussed because it was my bill that was referred to Ag last year. Okay? That was the discussion in the Executive Committee. When the motion came on the floor before you, my bill was thrown in for the purpose of intimidating me and now the most perverse of all arguments, the suggestion is made that we divide the question and cop-out. I'll take the risk. I hope you don't divide the question. Call it up or down. It goes to Ag or it goes to Public Works on the substance of the facts. There is a right to divide the question, and if you want to do that, if Senator DeCamp wants to do that, fine. But now I think we know what question is a question of power and what question is a question of right.

PRESIDENT: Does anyone else have a point on the division point? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think the issue is clear. Those who were in attendance, and Senator Beutler was there, when LB 463 was referenced, Mr. Rodgers said I assume the committee has made a policy decision and that such bills will go from now on to Agriculture. That is why 463 was placed in there, Senator Beutler, not for purposes of negotiation. Senator DeCamp