

Eret is trying to get at that it should not be valued lower than a reasonable figure, and there is nothing in this statute at this point to prevent that. I don't see this as being a major issue but I don't see that the bill should be killed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, then Senator Schmit, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members of the body, I am not going to speak to the merits of the bill. I am going to talk a little bit about our procedure though and then make a recommendation to my colleagues. This is a bill that was on consent calendar a week or so ago, the first time we had consent calendar, a minimum of discussion although there were some of these points raised. After a minimum of discussion, the bill was advanced. It was advanced by a voice vote to Final Reading. Then this morning after the reading of it, we had 35 votes to pass the bill. Thirty-five of us pushed our button, including me, saying, yes, the bill should be enacted into law. Then some people looked up on the board and they saw that there were a few negative votes. Then a few people started reading the bill, paying some attention to it. Then we didn't have the votes to enact it with the emergency clause. Then we had Senator Chambers' motion and Senator Chambers I think raised some very, very good points, raised a lot of questions. What he said to me was, Senator Withem, and other members of the body, you probably didn't do your homework on this bill. You probably didn't take the time that you should have to look at the bill to see what exactly it did. We had a good discussion on it, some good questions were raised. We have now returned the bill to Select File. I would ask my colleagues not to do a knee jerk sort of reaction in the opposite direction of what we just did, a knee jerk reaction of putting 35 votes up to enact the bill. Now we are I think on the verge of taking a knee jerk reaction and let's kill the bill. I don't know if it is worthy of that or not. What has happened to me is I have been kind of chastised here that I haven't done my homework. Some questions have been raised. I don't know if the raising of those questions warrants the killing of this bill. What I am going to do now that this bill is sitting on Select File is I am going to vote against Senator Chambers' measure to kill the bill. By the same token, I am going to ask for, and if I could do this at this point, ask that if we have a vote to advance