

to speak? One more time, okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just wanted to ask one question of Senator Lamb if I may. Are you still striking Section 7 of the bill, Senator Lamb, with your amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Does my amendment say it strikes Section 7 up there?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, I must say that this was a very hurried amendment because I did not have your amendment to properly draft an amendment to the amendment, but we are doing it in a very hurried manner. If there is a problem with it, I would be happy to correct any technical problems, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't know if there is a technical problem or not, but he is striking Section 7 of the bill which has to do with judicial nominating commissions. These are the nominating commissions that are set up now under law to choose new judges. And, basically, we had provided in the bill that if an election district boundary shifted, you have to make some provision for the filling of the judicial nominating commission's vacancies and that is what Section 7 of the bill does. So to strike Section 7 not only makes it a recommendation, but I suggest to you probably causes me some serious constitutional problems, certainly a statutory problem. The bill doesn't make sense any more in that it doesn't coordinate with how the judicial nominating commission should work. So the recommendation idea that Senator Lamb is presenting to you today is not a clean idea. It gets into other parts of the bill in a very destructive kind of way. If at some point in time you want the recommendation idea, then I suggest we adopt it on Select File or at some later point in time because this is going to have the effect of damaging the other parts of the bill and to the extent I am not quite sure at this point in time because it causes a very serious problem. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I remember the debate on LB 407, Public Health and Welfare Committee bill,