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SENATOR MOREHEAD: No.

PRESIDENT: I assume Senator Lamb wishes to speak on the measure then. No. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, after that good feeling and unanimity on the last issue I hate to sound a discordant note, but sometimes a proposition can be before us and somebody will make a motion to recess or maybe we're trying to determine whether we have to go into recess or what we're going to do because bills have to come from the bill drafter or whatever and since this motion can arise in so many circumstances different from the motion to adjourn, I don't know whether it ought not be debatable. There may even be an occasion where there is a discussion as has occurred before when we were talking about recessing for this purpose or that purpose and there will be a general discussion allowed among the members to determine whether or not a recess is the best thing to do or just how we ought to proceed. But if we adopt this motion, then before that discussion could even be had, a vote may be taken to actually recess. Then it will be determined that we ought not to have done it and, if we've recessed to a time certain which usually occurs, there is no way for anything in the way of business to take place again until we've reconvened. So adjournment is one thing, but I think recess is different from adjournment, so I'm going to have to not vote in favor of this proposal which allows no discussion or debate as to whether or not we ought to recess.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else wish to speak on the motion concerning the debatability on the motion to recess? Senator Lamb, would you wish to speak?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President. I changed my mind. I think we all assumed that recess was nondebatable just as is adjournment until one occasion came up during the special session when it was found that in the rules that's not so, that it's really silent on whether or not recessing is debatable. It seems to me that we in many cases may be tied up here unnecessarily if there is debate on recess. Now there are other parliamentary ways you can get around it. If you do wish, which in effect is a debate on recess, or adjournment for that matter, you can say I'm going to move, I'm going to subsequently move to adjourn or recess and then