

April 1, 1986

LB 1251

CLERK: Senator, do you want to take up your motions now? They are priority. Mr. President, Senator Chambers has offered several priority motions. Senator, do you have a preference, which one first?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It doesn't matter.

CLERK: Okay. Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 1251 until April 2, 1986.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is clear to see what is happening here today. Those who don't want any amendments adopted know that there are too few people for us to get fair votes on these amendments so they don't want to adjourn in order that all of the amendments will be gone through. None will have a chance for a fair vote, none will be adopted. Then they hope they can move the bill. So since everybody wants to stay here, I am going to oblige and do what I can to help us stay here for a good long time. I think I have at least four amendments up there and I get a chance to talk ten minutes on the opening of each one. Then I have three opportunities to speak on each one, then I have a closing, unless somebody wants to call the question which is all the same to me. Now, the reason I think this bill ought to be bracketed until April 2nd, which is tomorrow, is so that fairness will have an opportunity to assert itself during the consideration of this bill. There are a number of people who were able to have amendments attached to this bill, adding considerable amounts of money and they are probably not too concerned about what happens from this point onward. There are a number of propositions that I have supported which have fallen by the wayside, probably had no real chance of adoption from the beginning. But that still does not mean that an effort ought not be put forth to do that which is necessary. We all know that the policy of a state can be established through its budgeting procedure. Those items which are funded are viewed in the minds of the public as having more value to the policymakers than those which are not. A number of propositions got a free ride, so to speak, because they were in the main line budget when it was drafted. There are other propositions which people associated with the University would like to see go and those probably will remain basically intact because the University is a large entity and it has a lot of supporters. And, unfortunately, some of us who feel that causes we believe in are worthy, do not have the

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