

Former Governor Thone vetoed it. We overrode the veto and now you're able to get expenses during session, but had I sat back because somebody in a different office connected with the executive branch said senators cannot do this or that, had I accepted that, we would still be without the ability to obtain expenses during session. This matter goes to a deeper aspect of the legislative court than that. It goes to what this legislative branch of government is going to claim for itself as a legitimate prerogative, but beyond that the public has shown great dissatisfaction with the passing of LB 496. The public has taken what action it can to repeal it and some people will say, wait until the vote is taken, and maybe it would be a good idea to have on that ballot at the same time, some people are running for office, the albatross of the seat belt bill. And I'm sure if they have any opponents, their opponents will bring that up as will be the case with 662 in the areas where 662 is not popular. Sometimes things are done in haste and repentance takes place in leisure. We are in the process of trying to grapple with LB 1 which is designed to correct a defect in LB 713 and there is haste involved in that because the Legislature was so hasty in trying to get rid of the seven days. So the time to adequately consider things is not here. Most of the senators, I think, are of a frame of mind now to say, just let's get out of here, just hope that what was done through the vote on Senator DeCamp's amendment will not hurt anything, hope that the Legislature will not be embarrassed by being shown to have blundered again, this time with its eyes wide open. LB 496, although it consumed a lot of time of the session, was one of those hastily enacted measures and some will have the opportunity to repent in leisure. What I am suggesting is that we take this opportunity to add this amendment to LB 1. If you have questions about it, because remember this is not altering the contents of LB 1 at all. It is not taking away from anything the Governor has put to us. In reality it is not adding anything to what he wanted in his call either. It's a simple repealer and these types of repealers have been done before. So I am asking that you overrule the Chair and not prevent even the consideration of this amendment because the Chair ruled as a member of the executive branch of which the Governor is the head and of which the Attorney General is a part, that this proposition ought not be considered because it is outside the call issue by the executive branch of which the Governor is head, of which the Lieutenant Governor is a part, of which the Attorney General is a part.