

with LB 3 where we left off at one-thirty and take up the situation of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington after we are through with that LB 3. I move we recess until one-thirty this afternoon.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Those opposed no. We are recessed until one-thirty.

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SPEAKER NICHOL: ...come to the Legislative Chamber and record your presence so that we can move. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: We do have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, we were through with the DeCamp amendment, do you have another amendment on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment in order was one offered by Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: ...your motion is up next, are you ready to take it up?

CLERK: Senator, your amendment that you are offering is found on page 83 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment which I offer here today is one which I had printed yesterday and recognize that it is a bit of a departure from the bill as we have it before us. We had drafted this amendment during the regular session and had discussed it with several of you relative as to whether or not we should try to attach it to 999 at that time. Decided not to do so and I would have to tell you that at this time we have talked to a number of individuals, both inside and outside the Legislature and a number of individuals in the financial community about the amendment. This amendment, I believe, gives us an opportunity to move from an adversarial position in a mortgage foreclosure or a trust deed situation to a mediation procedure which tries to work for the benefit of both parties. I think it is important that we do so if possible before any court proceedings