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PRESIDENT MOUL: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome back to the legislative Chambers. We will reconvene and proceed with roll call. Please record your presence. (Mike not activated immediately)...Chambers so we can proceed.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will proceed with Item 8 on the General File, I'm sorry, special motion, number 7. Senator Rod Johnson.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to return LB 409 from E & R engrossment for purposes of a Select File amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, as some of you will recall, on Monday we had a spirited debate on LB 409 and several amendments were adopted. When we sent LB 409 on to E & R final, the bill drafter's office found some problems that needed to be addressed and rather than have the E & R changes made because some of them are more than just technical changes, they felt it was important that I offer the amendments, but they also did not want to have the bill printed and then have the bill brought back, make the amendments to the bill and then have the bill reprinted for Final Reading. So the reason I filed the motion to return from E & R final is so that we can save some money in not having to print 409 for Final Reading until we make these changes if we choose to do so. On Select File, Senator Schmit was able to adopt an amendment that would lower the smaller petroleum operator's contribution from the current 25,000 down to 5,000. I, then, amended that amendment to go to 15,000. The way we have our structure set up with our fund at this point with the 25,000 that is up-front money, that's not all paid at one time. Generally what happens is they pay 10,000