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SPEAKER: There is a motion to advance LB 54 as amended. All those in favor of advancing the bill say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered. LB 54 as amended is advanced. Thank you, Senator Cavanaugh. Are there any motions on the desk? I think we have Senator Carstens motion there.

CLERK: We have a series of motions, Mr. President. We have a unanimous consent motion to bracket LB 93 on Select File by Senator Carpenter.

SPEAKER: Did I hear right, LB 93?

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Senator Carpenter, do you want to--is there any discussion on it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I was gone last week which is not your fault. I want to get some of the information on the bill, specifically, why they changed the word "life" and inserted the word "fire".

SPEAKER: Are there any objections to holding--I'm sorry, clerk, I didn't hear the motion. Was it just to bracket the bill? Motion is to bracket LB 93--Unanimous consent has been asked to bracket 93. Are there objections to that? So ordered, the bill is bracketed. What's another motion on the desk?

CLERK: Read.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Yesterday, I made a suggestion that LB 204 be sent to the Executive Board of the committees for hearing, and I didn't--I guess I didn't appear that I was serious about it and I sort of dropped the matter. But after thinking this over over night, I am convinced that this is where this bill belongs and the reasons are as follows: The Executive Board of the Legislature is elected almost entirely, I believe entirely elected by members of this Legislature, and it has on it a speaker elected by the entire body and the other members elected by this body. And I also note, call to your attention, that the chairman of the Appropriations Committee is a nonvoting member of this body and I believe altogether there are some nine members, ten members including the Appropriations Committee chairman, who are on this committee. Now this is a matter that has to do with the internal organization and reorganization of the Legislature. It also has to do with costs, physical matter, as to what these proposals would cost and this is the reason, I believe, all these reasons, I believe, are a sound argument for having this go to the Executive Board for hearing. It is still a public hearing and since it affects the activities and powers of the Executive Board and since it affects fiscal matters, I am sure that it is not improper and entirely desirable that the Executive Board would hear this bill. And I would like to see this taken up at a reasonably early date. Also, there is no standing committee in the Legislature particularly suited to hearing this bill because it affects the entire Legislature. The standing committees of the Legislature are more designed and their purpose is take up those matters which have to do with activities involving the sphere of that particular committee. Now, I believe that we ought to get this matter going and decided upon and either dispose of it, accept it, or do something because the Legislative Board of the Legislative Council has an important function having to do particularly with the Legislative activities when the Legislature itself is not in session which it is, we hope it is, most of the time. Now while the Legislature is in session and while we are all here, present, and able to vote and think on these matters, we ought to determine what we are going to do about 204 and it ought to be taken up and I move that this be referred to the