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SPEAKER: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Senator Lewis voting aye. Have you all voted. The Clerk will record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Vote read. 43 ayes, no nays, 6 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is passed with the emergency clause attached. I think for the benefit of the spectators in the gallery, I would mention that many of the Senators that are here, when we are on final reading, the constitution requires that each bill be read in it's entirety and that's the reason for the Clerk rather scenarios activities here. Many of the Senators have already heard the bill several times, and know almost parts of it by heart, and that's the reason why sometimes it seems that if they are not paying attention, but the fact of the matter is that sometimes you have to read pages and pages of a bill of a law in order to just get to the new material which may only involve two or three sentences and which they see the sentences in their bills, because they are underlined and they have specific italic language in order for them to find it, but I thought you might, that might help you in an explanation as to why sometimes they seem rather disinterested even on final reading, but they are really following it because they really know what has been done. Do we have any resolutions on the desk?

CLERK: I have a motion on the desk Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Read the motion.

CLERK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the legislature, this is a very difficult thing for me to do, it is very unpleasant and I know it is highly unusual, I'm not playing a game with the legislature, but I feel like I'm a part of the game myself, a ping pong ball. The Governor had stated that if this bill passed originally, he would sign it, it passed, and he held it on his desk for a number of days, right to the last possible day, then he said he would not sign it, because in talking with legal people in whom he places confidence, he found some things to which he objected. I didn't want to return the bill at that time, I wanted to go ahead and let it pass and go through the court test that he said it would be put through and that I agreed to allow it to be submitted to. I thought that by complying with every request that he made, having all of the amendments drafted, that he suggested it would take away his objections. He stated that if those amendments were drafted and added to the bill he would sign it. Those amendments were drafted, they were added to the bill, and he once again held it for a number of days, and he said once again that he will not sign it unless certain things are done to the bill. I feel that when he had his legal people whoever they were examine the bill the first time, they could have found any and all objections that he had. I'm in a position now, where I have no choice but to ask the legislature to do this. If he does not get what he wants from me, then he'll veto the bill. I can not force the Governor to sign it, I can not force him to keep the promise that he has made. I can not guarantee that if this is done he will abide by the promise that he has made again, but I can tell you this, that if the legislature brings this bill back, and if these amendments are adopted and the bill is repassed and if for any reason whatsoever he will not sign it, you'll not hear from me on this bill this session