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LB 45 only. So, I could absolutely see no need of having another hearing. I would..Senator Snyder insist, I would not object either.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Snyder motion. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What's the bill, 523.

PRESIDENT: 523 and 548, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: On E & R for engrossing now. 523.

PRESIDENT: It was the chairs understanding that they were on General File.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No, this one is on E & R for engrossing.

CLERK: 523 is on E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. 5..that's right, E & R, Final E & R.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is it on E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, that 523 came down for Final Reading this morning.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Does Senator Snyder want a public hearing on that now? You are withdrawing 523, then.

PRESIDENT: Now we have Senator Snyder's amended motion which would return only 548 to Committee. Is that correct, Senator Snyder?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion, then, of the motion regarding LB 528 and returning it to Committee for public hearing.

CLERK: 548.

PRESIDENT: 548, I am sorry. 548. All right, Senator Snyder, then, you may close on your motion regarding the bill.

SENATOR SNYDER: Very briefly, Mr. President, I think we all know what we are talking about here. We are talking about a point of procedure. I don't...there are people in the body who think I am quite naive about this. Well, I am not naive about it. I just think that when you break the established rules you open yourself up for problems and I think that we have seen it happen too many times. And I just cannot see a state Legislature establishing itself as the final word without a public hearing. When we talk about a unicameral system, we're the only one in the United States. We're the only non-partisan Legislature. I've seen things railroaded through here, quite frankly, and the more I talk to people from other legislatures I understand just how fast we move in here and open ourselves up to error. Now, quite frankly, that bill, 523, I hadn't even noticed myself that it had gotten all the way across to E & R engrossing. When I check and I find that a bill was put in...I don't care how innocuous it seems to just one member. I think that if we start superseding or continue, I should say, not start, when we continue to supersede our public hearings we are breaking faith, not only in the current people of the state but our faith in the people who established the unicameral system of government. I don't care how you look at it. The public hearing is the first house of the unicameral system, and I don't want to stand up here every day and have to go through