

completely impartial in the things in which he projected. It was factual, it was educational, it was understandable. I think the man ought to stand up. (APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis, for what purpose did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR LEWIS: I'd like to make just a few comments on the changes proposed. Certainly I think some things have been done to improve it but I think you can go a little too far. I'd like to bear in mind the fact that there is need for people to occasionally be here and I think that we'd give a poor image for the Legislature to be totally isolated. The other thing that probably concerns me more than anything else that if it's completely quiet, bear this in mind. People might hear every word you say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, do you wish to be recognized for another matter? All right, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, if we have time I would like very much, if Vince is ready with this rule, members of the Legislature. The rule book needs a correction. There was inadvertently a part that was not printed on page 19-20-21. It will have to be re-inserted into your rule book because of some material that was left out in printing on page 20. The pages are passing it around now and if you will replace some pages....19, 20, 21 and 22 in your rule book. If you wish, the pages will do it for you. I thank you very much if you will make those changes so they'll all be the same. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, your enrolling clerk reports that she did on this date at 10:35 a.m. present to the Governor for his approval the following bill, LB217. Signed, Barbara Jackson. That's all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Simpson. Did you have another matter, Senator Simpson?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, Mr. President, sometime ago I had asked for a ruling of the Chair on an action that happened in this Body. And, if we have time this morning, I would think it would be a good time for an indicator from the President of the Body as to what he had ruled on the disposition of LB568 on the 4th of January. I would request the Chair's ruling at this time.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Simpson. The Chair's aware that you did ask for that ruling the other day and it seems that as a presiding officer, we should resolve this issue from this point of view. I'm sure you're all aware that the rules of the Legislature do not permit proxy voting. Under those circumstances then, I don't see how the Chair has any other position that they can take other than that to rule that that particular motion was lost or dead-locked at 22-22. That motion, of course, was to indefinitely postpone LB568. With there being no position for proxy vote in the rules of the Legislature and I understand, of course...the Chair does understand that their are unofficial practices and requests that occur during the sessions. In the mind of the presiding officer, the reasons given for that particular instance were logical to the Chair but under the rules I don't see how else the Chair could rule. So, therefore, that being the question, the Chair is going to vote that that vote should not have been cast and under those circumstances, that would mean....if you listen carefully.... that the motion would be lost to indefinitely postpone LB568. How ever this Body then wants to resolve the issue from this point is up to them. But, the Chair will rule at this time that the vote should not have been cast and that the motion, therefore, is lost, and that LB568 is not indefinitely postponed. Now then, the Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, are you talking about just LB568 or how are we going to continue in the future on this. Under these circumstances and the way you've ruled, I'm going

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