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bill for an act put in by the Public Works Committee, etc. (Read LR974). Mr. President, I have a communication from the Governor if you'd wish to take it up ahead of that.

PRESIDENT: Just a minute, please. Senator Kremer, I wonder if it would be possible for you to submit to the chair a motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR KREMER: I could re-write one of these.

PRESIDENT: To introduce those 3 bills. Do you....

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. Chairman, this is an objection from someone on the floor. I would move that the rules be suspended and all 3 of these bills be introduced under one motion. They're all bills that are being introduced by the Public Works Committee. If anyone would like an explanation of the bills, I'd be glad to do so.

PRESIDENT: Does anyone want an explanation of the bills? Senator Syas. Senator Syas.

SENATOR KREMER: ...be an intent under the rules when you introduce the bills, there's supposed to be an intent on our desks.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. Chairman, there is one on your desk.

SENATOR KREMER: Oh, I didn't see it. Pardon me. I've got so much stuff here, I'll apologize to you.

SENATOR SYAS: No need to, you were paying attention to what I was saying and that's important.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Murphy, did you want to be heard on the issue? Senator Kremer's asking to suspend the rules and introduce these 3 bills at once here. It saves us going through 3 actions but go ahead.

SENATOR MURPHY: I had entered my light prior to his introduction, Mr. Speaker, and it was a question of the Chair relative to his action not to vote. Both our rules and our constitutions say the Lieutenant Governor shall, do you have that option.....

PRESIDENT: I don't think it says shall....

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe it does, sir.

PRESIDENT: He has the privilege.....

(End of Belt #5)

(Begin Belt #6)

SENATOR MURPHY: In both the rules and in the Constitution, it says the Lieutenant Governor SHALL vote only when the Legislature is unable to decide an issue and it does not say move a bill, it says to decide an issue.

PRESIDENT: Well, thank you, let me review that then. Senator Barnett, for what purpose did you rise?

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I've got a question of Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, do you yield to a question?

SENATOR BARNETT: With regards to request #462, I don't know whether this needs an airing or if it even warrants a public hearing because can't the Governor do that without going through the prefaces of a bill?