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PRESIDENT: Go ahead, Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: All that we've been doing this session is keep bringing up new matters that have not even...this is one that hasn't even gone to a committee. I would certainly not want to debate this issue on the floor of the Legislature unless it's gone to a committee. And I would ask that this Resolution be referred to a committee because this is a very important matter to discuss if we were going to go back to the biennial session under any circumstances. We spent days, weeks and months of arguing the matter of having annual sessions and we're not going to go back without doing the same thing. And certainly late in the session when we got all of these bills to take up, all these underlined bills, all the budget bills, very important bills, we should get to those bills first. And we should definitely not take up this resolution unless it goes to a committee first. And it ought to go to the Constitutional Revision Committee, Senator Syas.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: In answer to Senator Luedtke, I think this is probably one of the most important pieces of legislation that the Legislature will have here. As you well know, Senator Luedtke, we have experimented with the every year session and there has been a general up-in-arms, a situation in which the senators themselves find in the 90 and 60 day period that the work is awesome, burdened, it's almost to the point where it is weighing down the individual senators in this session. We've found it day after day. I think some six years ago when this issue appeared on the ballot that this issue was placed before the people and they themselves did not really understand it fully. Oh yes, Senator Luedtke, I see you shaking your head. But it was most important that the people have a second chance at this and the other bills will take their course. I think that this is only right to allow the people of this state an opportunity to vote. If their Legislature want...or if they want their Legislature to be in session once every two years or to be in session in a crammed session which is 90 days and 60 days. However, Mr. President, I will not stand in the way of the Legislature today. I will bow to Senator Luedtke on this question he has here. Senator Luedtke, if you'd just listen to me just a second. We'll place this bill in the proper committee. The committee that would ordinarily receive it and it should be assigned to the Constitutional Revision Committee. And Senator...Senator Syas can handle that if there's going to be the great uproar that you see and that this will be such a delaying tactic.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, does the Chair understand it then, you're withdrawing the motion in regards to the Legislative Resolution and that now you're proposing that it referred by the Reference Committee to committee?
Senator Mahoney?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, it would be my opinion unless there's others here differ and Senator Carpenter, you were not present when this came up.

PRESIDENT: Right, the Chair understands this. Senator Carpenter, just to bring you up to date, we had your motion regarding LR128. Senator Mahoney offered the motion that it be placed directly on General File, at the head of