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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I retract "crazy", you were greatly upset.

SENATOR DUIS: Alright. Tell me which instance that was.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: As I understand it, it was the Jado instance, wasn't it?

SENATOR DUIS: I didn't have a thing to do with it, Senator Cavanaugh. You're either badly misinformed or have a pun.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well I thought we had some personal conversations. I don't know where . . .

PRESIDENT: I think the Chair's gonna rule on relevancy now.

SENATOR DUIS: I think so too.

PRESIDENT: This is the first time, but I think this discussion is not to the question. Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am speaking against Senator Duis' amendment. I would like to urge Senator Duis and all the members of this body to talk to councilmen, for instance, in towns in your district. They do want bidding. The citizens do want to be protected by bidding. So, please let's not cut out the bidding from LB 171. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Duis' proposed amendment. I believe that all elected officials agree that bidding is a proper process, but they would like to have the alternative of negotiation. This is necessary in this time and age. Possibly, in a few years if we ever get back to normal, that you can tighten down the bill to the point where you spell it out rather definitely what they do. Let me give you some examples. I've been in the bidding business. Particularly, in the business of paper, in the last couple years. You're lucky to get a thirty day statement on the cost of paper by the car load.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm also opposed to Senator Duis' amendment. I'm amazed when given the opportunity to conduct important business of the state, yesterday before the Banking Committee, that they voted eight to nothing not to allow to conduct important business concerning tax funds out in the open. I failed to take advantage of that opportunity. I'm in favor of open business wherever possible, and to avoid indiscretion by public officials. I'm not as trusting as Senator Duis, as evidenced by Governor Howell's indiscretion in Oklahoma.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.