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SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well it's pretty tough to say what he did say. In fact I'd like to have the testimony here so I could read it to you, then you sure would know how to vote.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, cause I am confused because I understand the tremendous importance of this bill. I under the proponents side quite well. But from this committee statement, and from what I've learned so far in this discussion, I really have no understanding of what the opposition to this bill might be. This is what I'm asking. How would I go about, Senator Anderson, getting a statement from the Parole Board?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I suppose you could contact various members of the Parole Board. As I indicated before the Parole Board has not taken a position ... did not testify at the hearing. I'm sure that part of the concern here is that this particular bill does give an offender an opportunity, through good behavior, to reduce the amount of time that he is under the control of the Parole Board. It does balance the authority between the Department of Corrections and the Board of Parole. I think that may be a source or part of your concern. We felt that this was a wise direction in which to move.

SENATOR KELLY: I, emotionally, have tremendously strong support for 567, but my voting support of 567 wanes when this bill is not important enough for the Parole Board, which this bill becomes their bible, that they're not interested enough to appear before your committee or to send an endorsement in writing, or in some way publicly state that this is what they, the Parole Board, want. We have at least one member of the Parole Board who is in opposition. This is a little bit tough for me to handle.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Are you through, Senator Kelly? The Chair, at this time, wishes to announce that Emory Burnett, accompanied by World Herald Reporter Frank Santiago, went over to the Governor's office and tried to get in all of the various doors that lead into the Governor's office. They were unable to get into the Governor's office with LB 123, so there's no chance of delivering that bill over there this evening. I wanted to advise the body that there was an honest attempt made, but they failed to deliver the bill to the Governor's office. I suppose ... Mr. Clerk do you have an alternative? Tomorrow morning ... The bill will be delivered forthwith tomorrow morning. The next light on is Senator Dickinson. Senator Dickinson, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you Mr. President. Question of Senator Anderson I guess, or whoever's carrying the ...

SENATOR ANDERSON: Go ahead.