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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, if I may respond to his question, when I amended the bill, of course, I could not amend the Committee report at that time because I didn't know the disposition of the same. I simply amended the original bill, but that language would be taken out with the Committee report, too.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to add a little something to this. You know people, when we go out of the state, people...

PRESIDENT: Now let's make sure we are talking about Senator Lewis' amendment before we get on the Committee amendment. That is the matter before the House.

SENATOR SYAS: All right. I will wait until then.

PRESIDENT: All right. I don't mean to preempt you, Senator, we probably ought to be more...Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, would the Clerk read the Lewis amendment again. I am getting rather confused with all this chitchat going on.

PRESIDENT: All right. Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown, would you read the Brown amendment?

CLERK: It is the Frank Lewis amendment, Mr. President. Strike line 7 after Legislature and lines 8, 9, 10 and 11.

PRESIDENT: Does that help, Senator Koch?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, it does. I would like to speak to the issue at hand in regard to qualifications of people who have high positions of responsibility. I remember a former Senator once who tried to introduce a mule skinner bill in this body, and possibly, that is what we ought to do with all appointed officials. They have no qualifications. I am amused at Senator Cavanaugh that he thinks that this is too strenuous because the attorneys are some of those people who are ones who, I think, offer some little rules and regulations sometimes that may be strenuous to others, too. The point I am trying to make is this. If we believe that this masters degree is of no value, then we ought to go back to the bill in its original form, that he shall demonstrate or that person shall demonstrate seven years of leadership in the field of administrations of institutions. That is all you need. Then allow the Governor to appoint this person, then as usual, the Committee on Committees would rubber stamp anyway regardless of what his capabilities were.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I guess I would like to get back to the Committee...I am speaking to the Lewis amendment.