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CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. There is nothing to close, Senator Chambers, so the question is, shall this bill be bracketed until tomorrow? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 28 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to recommit 434 to a Committee. Signed Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: All right. Any Senator has a right to support his motion. We found that out the other day. So Senator Chambers may address the question of recommit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: I beg your pardon, Senator. That is not the Rule, Senator. Proceed, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this bill is considerably different than what it was when it emerged from the Committee, Public Health. There are numerous provisions of a strictly legal nature and they ought to have been handled originally in the Judiciary Committee, perhaps, but they were not. Many of the amendments which have been offered on the floor of the Legislature are of a pure and strictly legal nature. Because of the fact that the bill took one form when it was in the Committee originally and has been given a different form as a result of amendments on the floor of the Legislature, the bill should be resubmitted to a Committee and I suggest Judiciary but don't insist on it so that all of those having an interest in the bill and who would have testified to the issues that have since been put into the bill by amendments would have that opportunity to do so. We are not making laws for the Medical Association. We are not making laws for the convenience of the Legislature. We are making laws that are going to be binding on all of the people in this state until such time as the law is changed. Based on that, the proper procedure in enacting these laws certainly ought to be followed and adhered to. The Rules are there to be followed. Records are made to be broken but rules are made to be followed and rules ought not to be observed in their breach. Those are legal axioms. If you were talking to high school children anywhere, you would say the same things to them that I am saying to you now because it is appropriate, and when you go out of this legislative chamber and the public is aware of how they have been ganged on by this bill, I don't think we will have the same kind of straightforward strong talk in front of the public that we have in this chamber. When you have your point of view reinforced by a majority and there are people out in the rotunda and in the corridors indicating that they represent all of the opinions in the world, then you feel very confident and very strong in your position. But a day is coming when, as an individual, you are going to have to stand and back up the positions that you have taken on this