

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Question of Senator Swigart, please. Senator Swigart, two questions. The first one is, you want to return the bill to its original form as far as taxing?

SENATOR SWIGART: Right.

SENATOR BARNETT: The second question, and you mentioned a little bit of it, do you, or anybody that is supporting this bill, have any quotes from industry as to whether they will absorb the loss or not? Or is it pure supposition in here on all of our parts?

SENATOR SWIGART: I can't guarantee that because they did not say, in so many words, that they were not going to pass it on, nor did they say they were going to pass it on. But I gathered, from their anger, that they were planning to carry it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Have you ever been a businessman?

SENATOR SWIGART: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: If costs increase would you, as a businessman, absorb the costs, or would you pass them on? Would you let them eat your profits up, or would you pass it on?

SENATOR SWIGART: I wouldn't let them eat them clear up. But if I was doing pretty well I would try to absorb it to the best of my ability.

SENATOR BARNETT: That's about the best way you can answer it, isn't it.

SENATOR SWIGART: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Alright.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Luedtke asks unanimous consent to expedite LB 88 toward delivery to the Governor.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: It's on 179. This is a bill which, in order to help some state employees on overtime, this is the overtime bill. If it's going to help them at all it's got to get over to the Governor, it should get over to the Governors' office today. I would ask unanimous consent to get that done.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? I see an objection. Oh, you have an inquiry. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: If I may, Mr. Chairman, I have a question of Senator Labeledz, I believe this is her bill. Senator, I believe this is the bill that you have repeatedly said that the Governor told you was innocuous, inoffensive thing to consider on a slow Thursday afternoon. It was noncontroversial. Is that correct?

SENATOR LABEDZ: You're correct, Senator Murphy.