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Merz talk. Now it is my turn and I would appreciate...

PRESIDENT: That is not correct. That was on another issue.

SENATOR SIMON: It wasn't on another issue. We never discussed...

PRESIDENT: Cut him off. It was on another issue, Senator Simon, and we are now on the committee amendments. I am sorry but that was on a motion to reject by Senator Barnett and you were recognized for that purpose, Senator Simon. The Chair recognizes Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would ask you, since Senator Merz has asked to adopt the committee amendments, to reject his wishes. Senator Barnett, as he has explained, has an amendment to LB 204 which is a compromise between 293 and 204. That will subsequently be the bill. I would ask you to reject the committee amendments and then take up the Senator Barnett amendment which he has pending. This morning I offered to you an amendment to 204, and when you read the synopsis of that, it will be the amendment to what Senator Barnett will be offering to you. I think that we got started off wrong, that Senator Merz should have asked to reject alone with Senator Barnett to reject the committee amendments. The committee moved it out but they have since changed their mind. They subsequently offered the copy that is in the white book and that is what we should be speaking to. It is important that you reject the committee amendments and then take up the Barnett amendment or other further amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: I move that we vote to either accept or reject the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, what did you say, Senator Kahle. All right. Do I see five seconds? The question is, shall debate now cease? Record your vote. I thought he called for the previous question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He thinks we ought to vote to either accept or reject and that....

PRESIDENT: You are right. I am sorry. I was talking to Senator Simon on the phone. I thought that was a call for the previous question. Now Senator Bereuter calls for the previous question. Do I see five seconds? Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the question of ceasing debate? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays.

PRESIDENT: All right. Debate ceases. These amendments were offered by Senator Merz. Therefore, the Chair will recognize Senator Merz to close arguments on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR MERZ: I make a motion we reject...

PRESIDENT: No, no, Senator Merz, don't make the motion.

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