

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please come to order. Roll call. Record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maxey would like to be excused until she arrives. Mr. President, Senator Warner would like to be excused until he returns. Senator Mills would like to be excused until he arrives, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to be excused until he arrives. Senator Ed Dvorak would like to be excused at 3:30.

PRESIDENT: Have you all recorded your presence? Make the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: At the noon recess we were debating LB 902 A. Do you have anything on your desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a communication from the Governor. It's addressed to Mr. President, Mr. Speaker. (Read letter from the Governor found on pages 1407 and 1408 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We're on LB 902 A. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, you know J.J. is a master politician and I commend him for it and that letter has to be it. We haven't stalled 902. We were ready to pass it last week. We claimed, and I still claim that there is no need for the A bill. That is what is stalling it. I've had my amendment to change it to forty one days so that we can guarantee that right of the people vote opportunity is there. It's been sitting there. I'm ready to adopt it any time you want. I'm ready to go ahead and move the bill across, but we passed in this Legislature, a motion, that all A bills and all bills having A bills with them gets stopped for a certain amount of time. So as I say, there was no need for a fiscal impact statement but by creating one, by dredging one up, effectively the bill has been stalled and now after creating that condition he comes and he says how come you haven't hurried the bill. As I say, it's a master stroke. I give him an Oscar, the Academy Award, everything, but since he has brought up the issue I suggest we go ahead and we put that amendment on 902 right here and now, that we go ahead and advance 902 A, if we have to suspend the rules to do it and at least give the Governor and the people of Omaha and the Council the opportunity to resolve which direction they want to go. You delay another week and it will be a moot question because then Omaha will be able to come in and say, well, the Legislature didn't act fast, and the Governor will be able to say, well, the Legislature just stalled and didn't get this taken care of so there wasn't enough time for a vote of the people so now we have to go along and let the Council do what they want. Let's get 902 A passed. Let's get 902 passed yet this afternoon. Move them forward and adopt that amendment for the forty one days. So I urge you to reject the kill motion Senator Chambers has, push 902 A on, immediately take 902, put the amendment on it and advance it and expedite it and we can have both of them passed this week and on the Governor's desk and then he can veto them or do whatever he wants but at least they won't be able to cop out and say they didn't have a chance or there isn't enough time. You know, on 902 A, Ernie says, well, if you don't need it, why can't I kill it? My answer is because