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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Legislature will come to order. Record your presence. The Sergeant at Arms will bring in all the wandering members that are not here. Senator Cullan, do you want to let us know you are here so we can find out how many are here. Senator Clark can let us know and Senator Koch. Senator Hasebroock, do you want to give us your vote so we can all be here. Record the presence.

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Do you have some matters to read into the record?

CLERK: No, sir, I do not.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, we will proceed then with the agenda on priority bills with LB 917. Senator Chambers, you have corrected me. I think we should probably take a half hour of motions first. We can do that if you want to. The Chair is corrected. We will go to the motions. It is only for a half hour but we will start, then, with Senator Koch's motion on returning LB 922. Senator Chambers is temporarily passing his over. Half an hour from right now. On 922, return, Senator Koch.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch moves to return LB 922 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment being one found on page 1775 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this may be somewhat untimely since individuals who have a specific interest in 922, as I do, are not present but the purpose of returning 922 to Select for a specific amendment, this amendment would allow for the construction and development of a campus where this indeed had been the intent planned prior to the effective date of this act. I have stated my position rather clearly that I believe that this body is interceding into good decision making on the part of the Board of Governors and I know that the Grand Island campus is one of those campuses that is under scrutiny and certainly would be penalized by 922 unless we do something to correct it. I think there is some grave misunderstandings on this floor if you believe that Grand Island is duplicating programs that are being conducted 22 miles to the south. I have examined those programs and they are not duplicative programs at all. They are programs based upon the interest of the individuals of the Grand Island community, based upon skills they need and salable skills that will help them to get involved in the job market to the benefit of all of us. I am for a vote of the people on capital construction and I will state that emphatically but I am not for presently interrupting those kinds of plans that have been existing for this purpose. The body here has been inconsistent and I would ask you possibly to be inconsistent one more time. One time you say the cities shall vote on a sales tax, LB 394, the famed bill carried by my good friend, Senator Lamb. The next time you turn around, on LB 902, you say, no, we will forego that. We will just give them the sales tax. So by our acting here today to allow that grand campus to be developed according