

Mr. President. Retirement, again a reminder that they will meet underneath the south balcony upon adjournment. I'm sorry, Retirement is meeting right now, Mr. President, underneath the south balcony. Retirement Committee underneath the south balcony right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Microphone not activated)...Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, a point of personal privilege. Since we are in kind of a lull here at this time, I would just like to call your attention to the fact that I am having the Pages distribute, for your information, some information that I have assembled in the past few hours relative to the Exxon overcharge energy grants. There are a number of documents there which I think merit your close attention. As Senator Warner, Senator Lowell Johnson and others, and Senator Hartnett, have raised the issue in the past, any action we might take at this time may be a day late, or so, but, nonetheless, I believe that these grants do merit your very close consideration and scrutiny. I have some other information which I am developing at this time which I will give to you, hopefully, tomorrow. In the meantime, if any of you want to visit with me, personally, about this in my office, I encourage you to do so. As I said, others in this body have perhaps more knowledge about the grants than I do, but I do believe that it makes at least some interesting reading and certainly does cause a little bit of concern relative to the manner in which those grants have been allocated. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Additional bill introductions please.

CLERK: (Read LB 274-281 by title for the first time. See pages 157-59 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President. Senator Withem would like to have me announce that the Education Committee will receive the Final Report and recommendations of the Educational Service Unit Planning Committee at one-thirty in Room 1517 on January 20 prior to the public hearing. That is an announcement by the Education Committee, Mr. President.

(Read LB 282-283 by title for the first time. See page 159 of the Legislative Journal.)