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LB 110, 348, 541, 815
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the courts specifically looked at the language of this definition and upheld it. But since we are going to make this definition a part of a bill, which is different from those that were involved in the case that Senator Lindsay is talking about, the impact of the definition becomes different. The...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, some items for the record, resolutions, LR 245 and LB 246, study resolutions; and I have amendments to be printed, LB 815, Senators Hall and Wesely; and Senators Pedersen and Pirsch to LB 541, Senator Withem to LB 348. (See pages 2334-42 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, Madam President, an announcement, Transportation Committee will hold an Exec Session in 2022 in 10 minutes; Exec Session, 2022, for Transportation Committee. That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, here is what I was trying to say. If you look at my amendment, and the restructuring of the language, you will find every word in my amendment which was in the original bunglesome piece of stuff that Senato. Lindsay was prevailed upon to bring to this Legislature. I am sure the people out in the lobby who gave it to him wish fervently that they had somebody in the Legislature, from which it arose, who was as I am, who would read this language and try to make use of what we supposedly learned in school about the construction of the English language. Why do we talk on the one hand about education and the value of language, not just foreign language, but English, itself? We talk about the diminution in the emphasis placed on English. We talk about the way the utilization of the language is deteriorating. Then here we are in the Legislature passing laws with language which, if you read it the way it is written, doesn't make too much sense. And we are going to say, well, a court will say what we meant. While we have the opportunity, why don't we just say what we mean? To those who fear to use clear language in a definition have the feeling that if the definition is clearly stated, it will show on its face that it is invalid. All my amendment does is to present to us what is being stated by this definition. Here is what would be adopted to this bill, if you accept it, along with Senator Lindsay's amendment to it. The phrase, the clause, "of