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to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, just a couple of announcements. Well, first of all, Senator Chambers has an amendment to LB 640 to be printed. Redistricting will meet at noon today in Room 1507 and Retirement Systems will meet upon recess, immediately upon recess underneath the south balcony. (Legislative Journal pages 1636-1637.)

Mr. President, the next motion I have to LB 541, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, what I decided to do in my battle is to weary myself to try to equalize the contest. If I wear myself out on LB 541, then there's not much that I can do on LB 543, so you all ought to encourage me to do what I'm doing, then I'll have no gas left when we get to LB 543. But on the other hand, this could be like shadow boxing before a fighter gets into the ring where he does a lot of dancing around, throwing punches at a nonexistent foe. He gets up, works up a heavy sweat. And an ordinary person would be exhausted by that time, but what it does for a fighter, and to some extent certain runners, is that it gets their motor running and they're ready at the sound of the bell to engage in the fight, with no reserve. Now which one will describe my situation? As "Baron" Tyson points out from time to time, you must keep in mind the fact that I'm almost 65 years old and the physical capability of a man that old certainly is not inexhaustible. You've seen a lot of 65-year-old men and some women, but since I'm partial toward women, I'll leave them out of it, crippling around here with their head down, barely able to put one foot in front of the other. So maybe that will be my condition by the time this day