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further activity in any future years, it will, again, once again, be a deliberate legislative action that would be called to your attention. So, with that, I will close. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the first portion of the divided committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 32 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of that portion of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** That portion is adopted. We now move to debate on the remaining portion of the committee amendment. Those would be Sections 21 and Section 22. Senator Brashear. (FA918, Legislative Journal pages 1025-1026.)

**SENATOR BRASHEAR:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I asked for a division of the question in order that we could treat Sections 21 and 22 separately. I have two concerns. My first is procedural, and my second is substantive. I'll deal with the procedural until we think we've exhausted that. I am aghast. It was only a few days ago, it seems, kinder, gentler days to be sure, that on this very floor we seemed all promulgate what I affectionately called the Elaine R. Stuhr doctrine of war and peace. And that's where you focus on the fact that a bill has come out of committee in another form without a Committee Statement, and you can't tell who was for it, and you can't tell who was against it, and you don't know what the committee really wanted to do with it. And throughout that doctrine, the promulgation of that doctrine, she was aided and abetted by her able counsel, Senator Beutler. And now here we are with Senator Beutler's LB 1249 wholly grafted upon the greater substance of LB 1310, and we have no Committee Statement. In fact, unless we've solved whatever problem it is, not only don't we have a Committee Statement for LB 1249, we don't have a Committee Statement for LB 1310. Now...oh, we do. All right, I understand it's now up. It's amazing, you put on a little pressure, how things get corrected. My concern, substantively, is that we are taking a very powerful, constitutionally enabled