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coal, fuel in the fires of this spiraling inflationary cycle we are in in this country. Now we are going to have to start grabbing a hold of this stuff not dodging around the corner like Senator Simon is attempting to do in LB 143 and Senator Johnson is trying to further with this amendment. It is poor public policy. Now I am absolutely convinced in my own mind that unless we start facing the facts, if we'd start facing reality, we are going to destroy this country and so I would urge you very strongly to reject Senator Johnson's amendments, and after we reject Senator Johnson's amendments, give this bill the proper action of rejecting it right along with the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR DWORAK: Because if it does not pass this year, he is going to come back next year. Senator Simon more or less said that in debate. Why didn't he wait until next year and there is many, many others just like this coming down the pike. We are opening the door and now is the time to approach the problem.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven speakers on an amendment. Senator Lamb, you are next.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think we have two or three choices here in regard to Senator Johnson's amendment. Originally I was going to speak against the amendment but now I am thinking perhaps maybe we adopt the amendment and then refer the bill back to committee for another hearing. As Senator Johnson has advocated that successfully on some other bills, since these are extensive amendments, I think that might be a proper course. So the choice now is either reject the Johnson amendments as I see it or adopt the Johnson amendments and then send the bill back to committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I have a question of Senator Johnson if he will respond.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I will respond.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Johnson, on your amendment, you mentioned that the utilities shall make a good faith effort to notify the occupants of such building and then also that before they shut off the utility that they shall obtain knowledge of such occupancy. In your opinion, how would