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SENATOR SCHMIT: I think that it is time since there is obviously a lack of federal direction and the lack of national leadership in this area that the State of Nebraska demonstrated some leadership and attempted to solve some of the energy problems that affect the entire state but not just from that of the electric utility but that of the coal, that of the petroleum and many other sources of energy. My good friend, President Carter, advocated a tax break for those individuals who use woodburning stoves. Well, I suggest that President Carter never used a woodburning stove. I have and I remember well. There is a lot of energy goes into that wood before you get it to the stove and that first heat isn't the kind of heat that President Carter or anyone of us like and I think that all too often we have simple solutions to complex problems.

SENATOR NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And I, for one, am fed up with it. I support the motion to send the bill back to Public Works Committee.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose the Goodrich motion. Let me give the body a little bit of information about this bill and how the motion came about. When I was first made aware of the motion, I went back to Senator Goodrich and I asked him why he made the motion. At that time he couldn't tell me why he did. I asked him the concerns that he had about the bill and he didn't even know what the bill was. I would suggest that the reason that Senator Goodrich has put this motion on the bill is not for a concern about the bill or the process but it is a matter of personalities. I think the body understands that full well. So let's get the issues out on the table, Senator Goodrich. We have discussed this issue at the beginning of the legislative session when the LR 161 committee introduced ten or eleven bills. At that time, the decision was made by the Executive Committee, and it is unfortunate that Senator Lewis isn't here because I know that he would want to speak very adamantly about the motion. Those bills were referred to a number of committees. Many bills were referred to Public Works. I believe three bills were referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. This bill has had a public hearing. I might tell Senator Goodrich and members of the body that I talked to Senator Kremer about this bill. Senator Kremer said he doesn't want the bill. Senator