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of this bill is rehabilitation, and as that I think that anything they can learn in the area of gainful employment is a step in the right direction. I hope you advance the bill, and I hope that you defeat the next motion that will strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Do you think we are going to get to my motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, Governor Luedtke?

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Will we get to my motion to indefinitely postpone the bill? I will talk on that, otherwise I will talk to Schmit about what he is doing right now.

PRESIDENT: No. Well, right now there is only one matter that can be handled at this point and that is to advance it. Then you have to....anything that is done, it has to be brought back for....this is only a motion to advance and you can only handle one amendment at a time.

SENATOR KEYES: All right, I am going to object to advancing the bill simply because in this state, nation...or state of ours, when it comes to the point that we take the prisoners and let them do work in private industry...and now I am not objecting, Senator Schmit, one bit of a prisoner doing work within the prison or within state institutions, on the highways, and so forth, but when it comes to the point that we will take a man out of the prison, take him into the packing house, let him do the job in the packing house and let the packing house operator know that once and of all he is going to be able to employ people out of the prison and lay off some of the workers, because when one man out of the prison takes a job, somebody is laid off and somebody else is eligible for welfare and I am not in favor of putting more people on welfare through the prison records of this state. So I would hope that you would not advance this bill, and if Senator Schmit wishes to I think he can correct it. Employees or people of the prisons, those who are held, should do work for the state, should learn a trade to work on the highway department, to work for city government, and everything like that, and when it comes to putting them in private industry and laying off the people that are working and putting them on welfare, I oppose it one hundred percent.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol. We are only speaking to the advancing on this particular amendment which