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SENATOR KEYES: I understand that has to lay over one day. Is that right?

PRESIDENT: No.

SENATOR KEYES: All right. Senator Schmit, I want to ask you one question and I want you to stand up here and you can take my full ten minutes if you want to. I want you to justify taking prisoners to go into private industry and to remove the private industry people from work and letting them go on welfare. Explain how you justify that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Keyes, I don't know if you checked the want ads yesterday or not in the....

PRESIDENT: A point of order, just a minute, Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers has a point of order.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I believe that when the bill was returned to Select File and the amendment was adopted, it was advanced to E & R Engrossment...

PRESIDENT: That is correct, and that is where it is now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and I don't think it is appropriate to return a bill from E & R Engrossing to strike the enacting clause, so it seems to me that the bill would have to be replaced on Final Reading and then that motion would be appropriate. If I am mistaken, I will stand to be corrected.

PRESIDENT: All right, well that's...

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think Senator Chambers is correct.

PRESIDENT: We have done it, Senator Chambers. That doesn't mean it is right. Just a minute, we will check....yes, we have done it, but as I say I am not sure on what rule we have done it. Well, the only reasoning, Senator Chambers, that we can come to on this is that...and the reason that we have done it in the past, is that any motion at this point to return, we have always allowed any motion to return so that you don't endlessly hold up a bill at this point, otherwise one could put it on and delay bills endlessly. I think this is the only reason I can state for it, and in the interest, I am sure the Speaker is in the interest of keeping things moving. We would say go ahead with it. So I think we will proceed with the motion. All right, Senator Keyes...

SENATOR KEYES: I believe I have a question of Senator Schmit...