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LB 205

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To challenge the ruling by the Chair, right.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would ask just quickly if Senator Chambers would not mind, would he not oppose bringing it back real quick and readvancing it or is it...sure, he would oppose it. You see, it is not the question of whether it is E & R, it is just another opportunity to keep the bill from advancing and I think that clarification needs to be made for the members of the body.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thought the Clerk wanted to ask me to clarify what I was asking. That is all, I don't have any comment.

SENATOR CLARK: The Clerk wanted to know what I had ruled on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, then I will make that clear. The amendment stated that at page...we are talking about LB 205, the Final Reading copy, that at page 2, line 17, after the period, insert some amendatory language.

CLERK: I understand that. What I am wondering, Senator, is what...why is there a ruling from the Chair necessary in this instance? For Journal purposes, I need to know that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That E & R is going to decide that the appropriate place to put that language is line 18, and what I am saying is, are we going to adopt the policy where an amendment has been drafted and presented to us in a very precise form and we adopt it, then E & R can change it? It would be different if the language were just presented and E & R were asked to insert it. But where we vote on a bill where we return it for a specific amendment and a variation occurs, should E & R correct it?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I think I can explain the situation to Senator Chambers. As former E & R Chairman, we worked out a policy where there was a great deal of complaints about the fact that those advanced from Select File to Final Reading that were amended on Select File frequently had these little technical errors involved and so I received a lot of complaints the two years I was E & R Chairman that we always had to keep bringing bills back from Final Reading