

Works Committee which I serve on, and it became quite clear that that emergency that we thought existed was not, in fact, an emergency and thus the whole issue of uranium mining is not as pressing a need as it once was. So I think the question of energy and the need to deal with that is a very important problem and that is why I think we should go ahead and understand now the uranium part of the bill is no longer necessary and we should go back to the energy questions involved in the bill as introduced and discuss those on their merits.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of this body, I would like to reinforce what was said by Senator Clark and Senator Schmit, that this bill would never have gotten out of committee as the original bill and the amendments now make it very similar to the original bill. And I won't even be as charitable as Senator Schmit was about there being some good parts about the bill. I really can't see very much meritorious about the bill and so I just want to re-emphasize the fact that that bill would never have gotten out of committee in this form.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, a few days ago we changed a bill drastically and the body wanted to refer it back for hearing and I objected but voluntarily suggested that we do take it back for a hearing. I would wonder if Senator Wesely or the other, Senator Fowler or Senator DeCamp, would be willing to do the same on this since it has been changed considerably. And from what I heard from others in my district, they weren't carried away with the bill in the first place. So I would be interested to see if they would be interested in doing this.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise to urge the adoption of the committee amendments simply because I, even though I am not a member of that committee, I think it is very obvious what is going on and what went on in order to get LB 257 out onto the floor. I would also suggest that there might have been a little bit of game playing to even get that bill to go to the Banking Committee to start with. It seems strange to me that the energy bill goes to the Banking Committee, but, of course, there had to be a few sections put in the bill dealing with some tax issues of some sort in order to justify an energy bill going to the Banking Committee but it seems to me the energy bill should have went to the Public Works Committee and the Public Works Committee being the committee that normally