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for a study of the use of court fees for purposes other than the operation of courts. All will be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President. (See pages 1744-1747 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next motion I have on LB 257 is a motion by Senator Newell to return the bill for Final Reading to strike section six through fifteen.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, in the interest of time I am going to withdraw my amendment and try to get like a rider onto the compromise Remmers-Koch thing, I am going to add my name to that so I can feel like I am part of this whole process and will save some time and just have one amendment. So with that, I would withdraw it and I will accept the compromise that is coming.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell withdrawing, I now have a motion from Senator Fowler. Senator Fowler would move to return LB 257 to Select File, the purpose being to strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, in the spirit of compromise that is developing I will withdraw the motion to kill the bill that I am a cosponsor on but I would say that as this bill has been amended down further and further that although this Legislature may be taking a small step in dealing with the energy problem, LB 257, that what was originally offered this Legislature was far more significant. I don't think that we should necessarily be proud of the action we are taking with the compromises that have been adopted. The severance tax increase is far less than was proposed and far less than what other states have. The energy conservation money is going to the schools that need it. The original bill had many more public buildings, hospitals, cities and counties receiving the funds. We are taking the tax credit out now and scaling the bill back considerably. I was offering the kill motion if at that time the bill had been amended down to such a form as simply to be a dollar bail out for the state Energy office but there is still a small hope of doing a little more than that. I will withdraw that motion but I would indicate that we are doing far less than has been offered to this Legislature and that we should not be smug about our action on 257 because I do not think we are providing the leadership that we should but I am willing to accept the compromises at this time.