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882 was a mistake. 284 is a mistake but the one thing about this Legislature is we are consistent. We are so consistent and so insistent on making these kinds of mistakes, I sense my amendment is not going to pass. Now I think that there ought to be some debate on this issue. I don't know whether, and I am trying to decide this, whether in the interest of the discussion and the full recognition of what is happening on 284, if I should leave my amendment up there or withdraw it at a later time or if I should withdraw it at this time. If the Speaker could assist me in making that decision I would appreciate it. Mr. Speaker, are there a number of lights on regarding my amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have three lights on but I also..... (mike fails)...Senator Newell, that we are violating one of the rules that we set up and that is that we are running out of Final Reading time for the same reason that we have run out of it before but there are three lights on at the moment and the Chair would appreciate having you accelerate things as rapidly as you can.

SENATOR NEWELL: I hear you, Mr. Speaker, and with that in mind...

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are now four lights on.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw my amendment. I think I made the points that this Legislature should recognize when they vote on 284. I do not sense that I have the votes. I am interested in saving the time but I think it is extremely important that the members of this body consider and recognize that this is a bill that is constitutionally suspect that will be challenged, that could create the problems that we have, that we are presently in today and that this is a grave mistake and one that this Legislature seems insistent upon making for the third time. With that in mind, I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is from Senator Koch. Senator Koch would move to return LB 284 to Select File for an amendment found on page 1652 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the interest of time, having visited with Senator Schmitz, Senator DeCamp and others who have a mutual interest in this bill, in its distribution formula, I do too. So therefore, since that