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want to make anybody unhappy and I will just jabber here for a while.

PRESIDENT: All right, motion to withdraw and will jabber a little while longer. All right. Okay, do you want to go ahead and jabber then?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Okay, go ahead and jabber.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, let me tell you a little bit about the history of this bill. At one time in the committee the bill was dramatically amended and had the total support I think of all eight members of the Public Works Committee and was, in fact, voted to the floor of the Legislature with those amendments. Controversy developed later because of input or whatever from people on the outside and the bill was brought back to committee and began the process of changing it kind of on a weekly basis, draft one, draft two, draft three, draft four, draft five, etcetera. I am going to vote to bring the bill out. I don't know whether there are enough votes or enough time this session to really deal in depth with this issue, but you see if we don't bring the bill out because of what has developed so far, the motion, the bill is automatically dead or killed. I do think the bill should be kept alive. I do think the bill may be a vehicle whether it is this year or next year for the resolution of many of our water problems. Now that is not to say that I support the present form of the bill or that I will support the present form, and it is not to say that our original draft or close to it might not be the way we will end up with. But I guess I am saying we have to from a political standpoint maybe put this bill out to show good faith that we are not ducking the water issue and we have to do it if we want to keep the bill alive at all. My perusal of the body indicates that there probably are enough people that feel this sentiment at least to bring it out and so I think the sooner we can get a vote and get some direction on it maybe the better it would be.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I, too, rise to support the move to bring the bill out of committee. I served this year as Chairman of the Program Planning Committee of our area Chamber