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LB 376

SENATOR CLARK: The motion failed. LB 412. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: May I have a point of personal privilege, please?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. Before we leave LB 376, I would like to say a few words about the letter that we received this morning, and I consider myself an active and somewhat loyal Democrat, but I have to say somewhat loyal as I have not always agreed as most members of both parties with their party platform. I also realize that we as party members appoint members of the Executive Committee to speak out on issues that are contained in the party platform. I apologize for the letter that you received this morning.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LABEDZ: I have a point of personal privilege, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Points of personal privilege relate, first of all, to the welfare of the Legislature as a body and, secondly, to something that may impinge on the character of an individual, and since the letter was not written by the Legislature and it was not written against an individual, I think the personal privilege grant at this time is out of order.

SENATOR CLARK: I am going to allow her to talk.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator. As I was saying, I apologize for the letter that you received this morning. The letter never once referred to an agreement by the Executive Committee which incidentally was not called for a special meeting and some members were called on the telephone, others were not. And I talked to Kathy Kelly. She is our Democratic National Committeewoman of Omaha, who incidentally is equally embarrassed as I am. She talked to our State Chairperson twice and tried to discourage the letter being sent to all the members of this body. As a Democrat, I encourage our party officials to speak out on issues and legislation protecting the Democratic philosophy. I do not believe we should at any time interfere with the banking structure of the State of Nebraska. We did not send a letter out