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a public hearing and then begin the debate on the motion itself...on the resolution itself.

PRESIDENT: All right, there is another motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that, Senators Higgins and Wiitala ask unanimous consent to have their names withdrawn as co-introducers.

PRESIDENT: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, then in that case Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone LR 189.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there is not nearly enough time to go into all of the background on this particular project. But to give you a little background on LB 364, when it was originally advanced by the Public Works Committee, I did ask them to bring it out so that it could be a point for discussion between various Department of Roads officials at the state, federal and city levels because they did not want to talk to various groups and offer information that might be requested. When the bill was advanced, as Senator Newell determined, or stated, there was an effort to put it on special order and the Speaker obliged. That was on...I think there were six days remaining when it was first put on special order. Senator Haberman and certain others were objecting because the Speaker had said just the day before that LB 218 which was the last bill on special order would be the last one that could be considered. When 364 wound up on special order and there was some objection to it, and I had asked the Speaker to put it on special order, with there being only six days and other people having had bills languishing on General File for a far longer period of time than this bill had even been out of committee, I then asked the Speaker to take it off special order. And I didn't feel that if there was a protest made that the body would give 30 votes to override the placement of this thing on special order or uphold that. We have been involved in one of the discussions that would have caused a lot of time to be taken but the merits of the issue never to be considered. So we are in a position where Senator Newell is trying to get the Legislature, without knowing the details of this project or the complex maneuvering behind the scenes

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