

chooses to send missives or letters discussing his various problems, strengths or weaknesses does not alter the situation and as far as the Governor of this state is concerned, he doesn't even know that Roland Luedtke voted for that bill because the official record that he has to deal with says twenty-five people passed a bill according to law and following the Constitution. For him, therefore, to come up with all kinds of other theories or rulings to duck the issue, to avoid making a decision, to attempt to cast the problem elsewhere does not alter the factual legal situation, even though he or some of his runners may dump the bill on a kitchen counter somewhere or restaurant or cafe or the floor of this Legislature or anywhere else, he signed for that according to the laws of the Constitution and it is his baby and in five days hence he has not vetoed it, it becomes law. If he does sign it, it would certainly be an act of courage, which I doubt will occur. But in the meantime for us to sit here and attempt to override vetoes that do not exist on bills that have never been delivered to the Legislature by any recognized legal form, is somewhat foolish. I urge you to uphold the Chair and get on with the remaining business and adjourn this day as quickly as possible. I am satisfied from the responsible case law on this issue that the Lieutenant Governor of this state, be he Roland Luedtke, Bill Nichol or anybody else, under the identical situation, has the authority to cast the deciding vote and that everything he did was proper and that the Supreme Court, should it be asked to address this issue, can rule no other way once they look at the entire picture and all the case law on the subject. So, again, I urge you to reject any attempt to even recognize that there is anything to talk about on the subject of the veto of LB 376. I am distressed as I suggested, that letters expressing the weakness of one or another individual have to create all this controversy but that is no reason for us to go crazy. We have our constitutional duty. We have done it. I would hope he would do his.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to also urge that the Speaker not be overruled. I think it would be a mistake to characterize the letter that the Clerk of the Legislature has received as a veto. Many of the points that I would have talked about have already been discussed but let me just suggest to you one more reason why we should not. The Constitution and the statutes of this state have over time by the institutions of this state, whether they are executive branch institutions or the Legislature or the Judiciary, have been interpreted in accordance with certain customs and usages and those patterns of custom and usage are important and