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here. Would you kindly be quiet? If you want to talk, talk softly back there.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe they understand what I am talking about. In fact, I did pass out this three page explanation of the rules and so I ask that we overrule the President on his ruling on LB 824 that it would take 30 votes rather than 25.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer, on the motion to overrule the Chair. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, I just want to clarify a few things. I am not speaking necessarily on the motion to return. I think as Chairman of the committee I need to make several statements. Number one, we did not meet hurriedly under the North balcony to consider this bill, Senator Labeledz. This is not the fact. We met in our regular hearing room and not hurriedly. Secondly, the reason I did not lay the action of the committee on the Clerk's desk following the action was this, there were several that indicated to me that maybe we should reconsider the action we have taken. Consequently I agreed not to lay the bill on the desk until we had an opportunity to consider this request. However, the committee failed to get together to reconsider it. Consequently the next day then I did lay the bill on the Clerk's desk. That is just an explanation of how things happened and why they happened. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, as Senator Labeledz has indicated, she was well aware at the time that she filed the motion that the committee had killed the bill. I really fail to understand how she can then come forward to the body of the Legislature and claim 25 votes instead of 30. The committee took action on the 19th day. It was final action. The members of the committee had to do nothing more on that bill on the 19th day. They did it. The only thing that remained was the administrative detail of reporting it to the Clerk. Now I submit to you that it doesn't make much sense to establish an interpretation of the rules which requires a race to the Clerk's Office. That is fundamentally ridiculous. The majority of the committee had acted on the 19th day. Now in the little memo Senator Labeledz says but the Legislature had adjourned. That doesn't make any difference at all. The Public Works Committee was still meeting legitimately. At the beginning of this year we used to have floor meetings in the morning and committee meetings all afternoon. Is it

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